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When it comes down to it, the choice of arming yourself for the purposes of self-defense is one of the most significant you can make. While it provides the benefit of the means to protect yourself and those you care about in a life-or-death situation, it also carries with it a great deal of responsibility. Did you think you would just pick out a handgun, strap it on and then everything would be okay? If only it were that simple.

No, this choice requires that you not only make a wise decision regarding your carry gun, but also employ wisdom in preparing for its use (if that unfortunate reality ever faces you). You must choose the firearm that is right for you and your needs, the right holster for safely and effectively carrying it, and also learn to effectively deploy and use the firearm.

Feel overwhelmed? No need to worry. We are here to help. Within the pages of this magazine you will find in-depth articles on some of the newest and most exciting pocket pistols available on the market today. Along with these reviews, there are also overviews of product lines from major manufacturers, giving you a good idea of the breadth and depth of their lines.

And this information is not restricted to simply firearms. Thoroughly considered roundups of some of the best holsters and accessories are packed within these pages. In addition, pieces on tactics will help you understand how to get your selected firearm into action as quickly and safely as possible if you must use it.

Want to make sure that you wring out the most performance possible from your selected carry gun? Then take a look at our roundup of realistically styled (and, in many cases, operated) air pistols that will provide you with the means to regularly and affordably get in practice trigger time.

Still not sure of exactly what carry gun you need? Then take a look at our *Pocket Pistols* Buyer's Guide starting on page 92, which will give you a good grasp of the vast majority of carry-ready handguns that are available. And once you do, then take a look at our state-by-state carry laws roundup starting on page 86 that will give you a look at the CCW laws in all 50 states.

In closing, we would like to thank you for spending your hard-earned money on this issue of *Pocket Pistols* magazine. We hope that you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. So dive right in and see what works best for you. There are a world of choices out there for you; thank you for trusting us to help you make the right decisions. —**Michael O. Humphries**

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EVER-READY DEFENDERS

Stay armed 24/7 with
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BY MICHAEL JANICH

The first rule of gunfighting is to “have a gun.” As obvious as that may seem, carrying a full-sized pistol on a daily basis, through all four seasons, isn’t easy. Pistols are awkwardly shaped objects that aren’t particularly compatible with the form of the human body. As a result, there are a lot of concealed-carry permit holders out there who could be carrying and making themselves and their families safer, but aren’t because it’s difficult.

Pocket pistols—especially today’s breed of pocket pistols—change all that. Their compact size and light weight make them far easier to carry than a full-sized service handgun. By actually carrying them in a pocket holster, there’s also no need for special gun belts, cover garments and all the other accoutrements necessary to support a full-scale pistol. Thanks to pocket pistols, going armed all the time has never been easier.

Small, highly concealable handguns are certainly nothing new. Firearms historians generally agree that the first true example of

the genre was the Queen Anne flintlock pistol, which came into vogue in the early 18th century. Since then, both technology and handgun ballistics have steadily improved along the way, giving us a broad range of compact, concealable and increasingly potent carry guns. They have highly visible sights, good triggers and are available in true fight-stopping calibers.

For shooters of smaller stature or with limited strength, there are also plenty of modern compact pistols chambered in easily controlled, but measurably less potent, calibers. No matter what your personal needs might be, there’s a pocket pistol that meets them well.

With all that said, like everything else in life, there are trade-offs to everything. The smaller size of pocket pistols means they have less mass and smaller grips than full-sized guns. That makes the mechanics of gun handling—especially if you have large hands—significantly more challenging. Similarly, controlling recoil—particularly with

major calibers and hot defensive loads—is tougher when there’s less gun to hang onto.

Although today’s state-of-the-art pocket pistols have easy-to-see sights and offer excellent intrinsic accuracy, the short sight radius that comes with their compact size makes them more difficult to shoot than their bigger brothers, especially during the high-speed chaos of a defensive encounter.

So what does all this mean? It means that while modern pocket pistols make it easier and more convenient than ever before to carry a handgun, to truly be prepared to defend yourself, you need to invest the time and training to be able to shoot that gun well.

Ready To Defend

If you choose to carry a pocket pistol, make the commitment to really integrate it into your everyday lifestyle. Figure out a carry method that works with all the clothing in your wardrobe, and make the pistol and its pocket holster as much a part of your



Straight 8 photo

daily carry as your car keys and wallet.

As you refine your personal carry preferences, work on the mechanics of your draw so you can ensure that you have the skills and reflexes necessary to get your gun into the fight when you need it. When you're ready, combine your draw stroke with unarmed skills, movement and the other supporting tactics you'll actually need in a defensive situation.

Most importantly, shoot your pocket pistol regularly so you know you have the skill to shoot it well. Logically, the gun you carry the most and rely upon the most should be the one you shoot the most.

Pocket pistols are tremendously convenient and potentially lifesaving personal-defense weapons, but don't let their convenience mislead you. Having a gun is the first rule. Having the skill to draw it and shoot it well under the conditions of a real violent encounter is rule number two. Play by those rules, train hard and stay safe.

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SPRINGFIELD'S MOD



BY ROBERT A. SADOWSKI

FROM DAY ONE, Springfield Armory's XD series has offered ease of use, reliability, a variety of calibers and accuracy.

Since then, the XD series has spawned the XD^M and XD-S lines. The most recent variant is the XD Mod.2, a series of subcompact pistols with enhanced ergonomics and enhanced-capacity payloads that are chambered in 9mm, .40 S&W and .45 ACP. These Mod.2 pistols provide a carry-ready, user-friendly pistol with a grip that offers excellent adhesion, which is especially important in subcompact pistols that are chambered in powerful calibers. I recently found out how effective these designs are through testing the 9mm and .45 ACP variants.

Built To Protect

XD pistols are known for their excellent and reliable Ultra Safety Assurance (USA) trigger systems, drop safeties and grip safeties. The Mod.2 takes these characteristics of the XD and incorporates them into a more refined platform specifically designed for concealed carry. Not only do both

the 9mm and .45 ACP variants have reduced-length barrels and grips to make it subcompact as you would expect, but the grip is designed for better control with three types of textures, which Springfield calls the "Grip Zone."

A lot of thought went into the placement of the Grip Zone's textured areas. Some subcompact pistols without a lot of grip to hold onto may shift in your hand during recoil, especially when stoked with 147-grain 9mm and 230-grain .45 ACP FMJ loads. This lack of consistent grip makes other pistols difficult to shoot accurately. Remember that the smaller the pistol the more difficult it becomes to operate and shoot accurately. The traditional compromise has been a smaller gun that is easier to conceal and more difficult to operate

Springfield's
XD Mod.2
in .45 ACP,
shown with
an extended
13-round
magazine.



These new subcompact Mod.2 pistols combine top-tier ergonomics with threat-stopping power!

SQUAD



XD Mod.2 pistols, like this 9mm, feature modified grips for enhanced control.

versus a larger pistol that is easier to operate yet more difficult to conceal.

The grip of the Mod.2 series has three zones of texturing, each with a different type of adhesion. The Zone 1 texture is located on the front- and backstraps, providing a good anti-slip surface. The side panels have Zone 2 texturing, which is the most aggressive and, according to Springfield, does the most to keep the pistol under control during recoil. These zones are similar to stippling and do provide a good grip without feeling uncomfortable. The remainder of the frame is covered in Zone 3 texturing, which is the least grippy of the textures but still provides an enhanced grip.

The XD Mod.2 models also have a slimmer frame. The frame is relieved on both sides so the trigger finger of a left- or right-handed shooter is comfortably positioned. The beavertail also allows a user to get a high hold on the pistols so the bore axis is closer to the shooter's hand, which means less felt recoil. The rear of the triggerguard is also relieved to aid in that higher grip. With my average-sized hand, my small finger has just enough grip to stay on the lip of the magazine floorplate, or it can easily curl under the floorplate using the flush-fit magazine.

The 9mm Mod.2 holds 13+1 rounds while the .45 ACP Mod.2 holds 9+1, and they both accomplish this capacity with a height of only 4.75 inches. Even though these pistols are subcompacts that feature capacities comparable to those found in a full-sized pistol. Each pistol also comes with an extended magazine that features a sleeve over

its lower portion that fits seamlessly with the grip frame, instantly giving each pistol a full-sized grip. This extended grip offers an additional four rounds in .45 ACP and three

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SPRINGFIELD'S MOD SQUAD

in 9mm. Both models also feature an accessory rail.

The width of both pistols measures 1.2 inches, so these pistols are much thinner than other XD models and other subcompacts. The slide release is aggressively serrated for positive operation. The ambidextrous magazine release is serrated and at a height that is flush with the grip panels, so accidental magazine drops should not be an issue. Empty mags drop clear of the well when the button is engaged.

The Mod.2's slide has also been slimmed down. The rear cocking serrations are more pronounced and they make these subcompact pistols easier to operate. There's plenty of useful gripping area. Springfield also equips each Mod.2 pistol with an excellent three-dot sight system. The low-profile rear sight is flush with the rear of the slide for maximum sight radius. It is also smooth and snag-free. The back of the sight is serrated to effectively cut glare. The front sight is a red fiber optic.

Range Report

My expectation was that the 9mm and .45 ACP Mod.2s would jump around in my hand during recoil. I was wrong. The variety of grip textures offered excellent adhesion, so all I needed to concentrate on was sight alignment and trigger press. I pushed the pistols, firing them at 25 yards using a rest. The 3-inch (9mm) and 3.3-inch (.45 ACP) barrels are made for concealability and close-quarters work. Recoil was less stout in the Mod.2s compared to lighter, smaller pistols I've tested.

There is some creep to the trigger, which is fine considering these are defense pistols. The trigger broke crisply and consistently, and I was able to get slightly over 1.5-inch groups with the 9mm variant and consistent 2-inch groups with the .45



Both Springfield XD Mod.2 pistols handled well and shot considerably tight groups at 25 yards.

SPECIFICATIONS

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY XD MOD.2

CALIBER:	9mm, .45 ACP
BARREL:	3 inches/3.3 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.25 inches/6.5 inches
WEIGHT:	26 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Fiber-optic front, low-profile rear
ACTION:	Striker-fired
FINISH:	Matte black
CAPACITY:	13+1/9+1
MSRP:	\$556/\$593



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9MM	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
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Atlanta Arms 230 FMJ	784	2.50
Federal Champion 230 HP	688	2.20
Perfecta 230 FMJ	684	2.10

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 25 yards.

ACP. The accuracy can be attributed in part to the captive recoil spring and full-length guide rod in the .45 ACP Mod.2. I felt the Atlanta Arms 9mm ammo performed well from such a short 3-inch barrel. With major LE agencies reverting back to the 9mm, many are choosing 147-grain ammo, and Atlanta Arms looks like a good choice.

I found the 9mm Mod.2 very pleasant to shoot. There's no doubt that the dual spring and full-length guide rod helped dampen recoil. Using a Fobus IWB holster, I practiced some dry-firing exercises with both pistols. Each Mod.2 pistol comes in a hard case that includes an OWB polymer holster, a double magazine pouch and a magazine loader. Out of the box, the Mod.2 offers the concealed carrier a user-friendly and effective self-defense system. This latest transformation of the XD series easily fills the need for those wanting a concealed-carry weapon with no compromise on caliber, magazine capacity and ease of use. For more information, visit springfield-armory.com or call 800-680-6866. **PP**

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BY ROBERT A. SADOWSKI **Twelve top street-ready pocket pistols for everyday carry.**

When taking on the responsibility of personal protection, choosing the right handgun can be a daunting task. Your handgun choice should factor in the type of firearm, the caliber and how you will

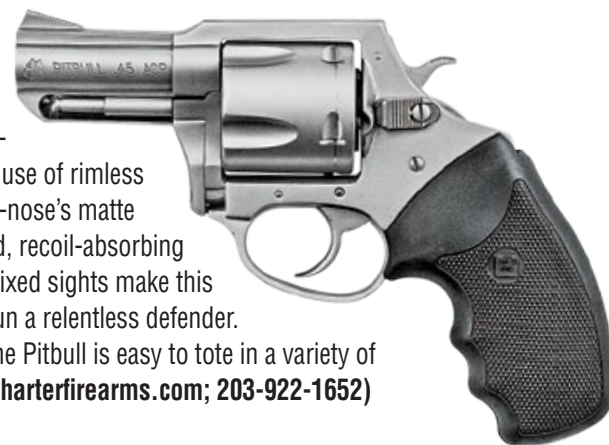
Beretta Pico

The .380 ACP Pico offers all the legendary Beretta reliability in a modular, polymer-framed pistol. Small and very lightweight, this subcompact pistol measures 5.1 inches in length and weighs a mere 11.5 ounces unloaded. The DAO trigger offers a smooth, consistent press to unleash 6+1 rounds when needed. Easy to disassemble and customize, including its quick-change sights, the Pico is a natural for everyday carry. (beretta.com)



Charter Arms Pitbull .45 ACP

This new variant of the classic five-shot Bulldog design uses a dual coil spring assembly in the extractor that allows for the use of rimless .45 ACP ammo. The snub-nose's matte stainless finish, contoured, recoil-absorbing rubber grips and rugged fixed sights make this 2.5-inch-barreled wheelgun a relentless defender. At 22 ounces unloaded, the Pitbull is easy to tote in a variety of concealment positions. (charterfirearms.com; 203-922-1652)



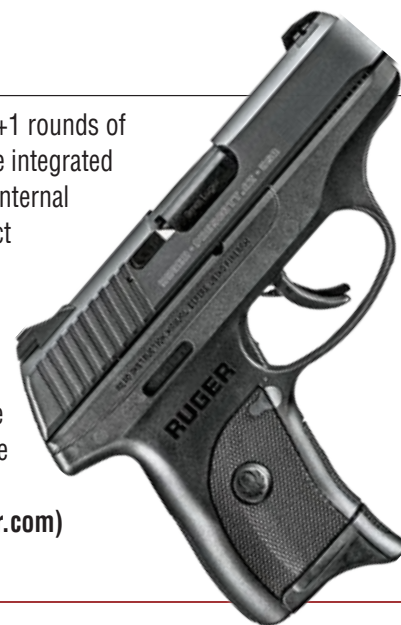
Kimber Micro Advocate

The new Micro Advocate features an extended magazine with a basepad that increases grip length for better control, though the gun's height is still only 4 inches. Its controls are set up similar to the battle-proven 1911 platform. The slide is matte black and the frame has a satin aluminum finish with checkered brown or purple G10 grips. Boasting a 7+1 round capacity of .380 ACP, the 5.6-inch-long Micro Advocate features Kimber's Carry Melt treatment to make it snag free when drawing from concealment. (kimberamerica.com; 888-243-4522)



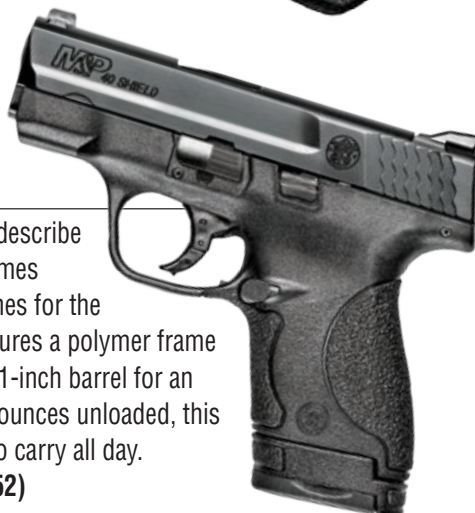
Ruger LC9s

The striker-fired Ruger LC9s packs 7+1 rounds of 9mm in a truly compact package. The integrated trigger safety, manual thumb safety, internal striker block and magazine disconnect make this a safe option for everyday carry. With an overall length of just 6 inches, a height of 4.5 inches and a light weight of only 17.2 ounces unloaded, it is an ideal carry gun. The polymer frame is checkered for a sure grip while the three-dot sight system makes the LC9s fast on target. (ruger.com)



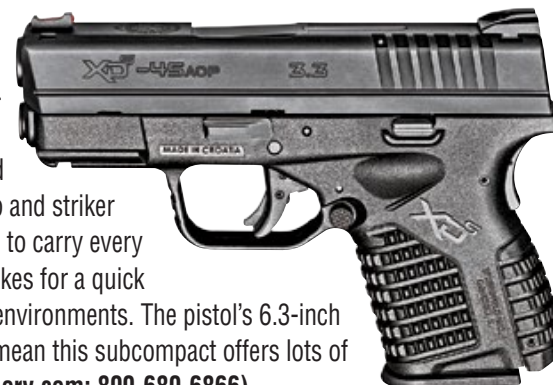
Smith & Wesson M&P Shield

Slim, concealable and lightweight describe the M&P40 Shield's size, and it comes with six- and seven-round magazines for the powerful .40 S&W. The Shield features a polymer frame with a sculpted steel slide and a 3.1-inch barrel for an overall length of 6.1 inches. At 19 ounces unloaded, this striker-fired pistol is comfortable to carry all day. (smith-wesson.com; 800-331-0852)



Springfield Armory XD-S 3.3

The single-stack XD-S 3.3 is thin and lightweight yet packs 5+1 rounds of .45 ACP firepower. The polymer frame offers a textured surface for a rock-solid grip and the built-in trigger, grip and striker safeties ensure the XD-S is safe to carry every day. A fiber-optic front sight makes for a quick sight picture, even in low-light environments. The pistol's 6.3-inch length and 0.9-inch grip width mean this subcompact offers lots of carry comfort. (springfield-armory.com; 800-680-6866)



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ultimately carry it. If the pistol is to be used as a home-defense tool, you as well as your loved ones living there should be trained and proficient with the handgun chosen. The dozen handguns on this short

list of appropriate concealed-carry models demonstrate different manufacturers' abilities to build compact and powerful defense tools that are simple to operate, easy to shoot and effortless to conceal.

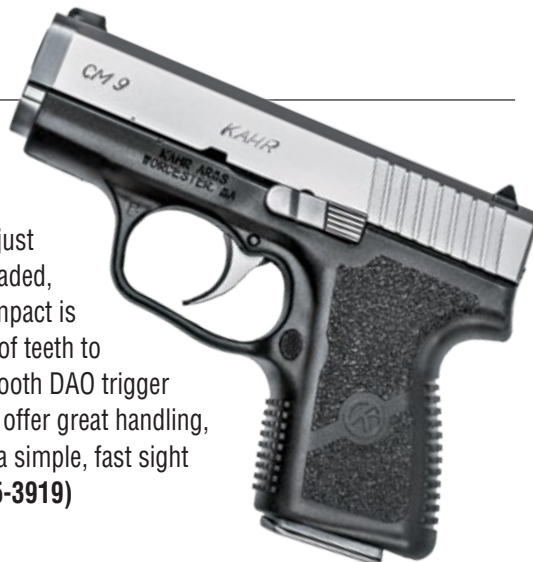
Glock 43

The new 9mm, single-stack Glock 43 offers a 6+1 payload in one of Glock's smallest subcompact pistols. Designed for more comfortable shooting, the G43 has a trigger reach similar to Glock's larger 9mm pistols, plus it has a generous beavertail for a high and tight grip. At 6.26 inches in length, 4.25 inches in height and with a slim width of only 1.02 inches, the G43 is an ultra-reliable candidate for concealed carry or backup duty. This diminutive yet powerful Glock weighs only 17.95 ounces unloaded. (us.glock.com; 770-432-1202)



Kahr CM9

This 6+1 capacity 9mm pistol has a 3-inch barrel, an overall length of 5.42 inches and a height of just 4 inches. At 14 ounces unloaded, this polymer-framed subcompact is light to carry yet has plenty of teeth to fend off an attacker. The smooth DAO trigger and textured polymer frame offer great handling, while bar-dot sights deliver a simple, fast sight picture. (kahr.com; 508-795-3919)



SCCY CPX-2

One unique feature of the double-action-only SCCY CPX-2 is its hammer firing system: The 9mm pistol's hammer strikes the firing pin every time the trigger is pulled. This is important because, if a cartridge does not fire after the trigger is pulled, the trigger can be pulled again to restrike it. At 5.7 inches in length, 15 ounces in weight and offering a capacity of 10+1 rounds, the CPX-2 offers plenty of concealed-carry firepower in an easy-to-conceal package. (sccy.com; 866-729-7599)



SIG P250 Subcompact Nitron

The modular polymer frame of the P250 series makes this one of Sig's most adaptable pistols, with the caliber, barrel as well as the grip being easily swapped out by the user. This subcompact offers a 12-round magazine in 9mm in a frame that measures 6.7 inches long, 4.7 inches high and only 1.1 inches thick. The DAO trigger is smooth, crisp and available in two sizes: standard or short. Alternative chamberings include .40 S&W and .45 ACP. (sigsauer.com; 866-345-6744)



Taurus Millennium G2

The 9mm Millennium G2 packs 12+1 rounds inside its polymer frame and carbon steel slide. That's a lot of firepower for a gun with a 3.3-inch barrel that is just 6.24 inches long and only 22 ounces unloaded. This Taurus pistol features a loaded-chamber indicator, an integrated accessory rail and an adjustable rear sight. The trigger offers a crisp DA/SA pull. (taurususa.com; 800-327-3776)



Walther CCP

The Walther CCP was designed for concealed carry. The CCP offers an 8+1 capacity of 9mm in a compact pistol that measures just 6.4 inches in overall length and weighs 22.24 ounces unloaded. The gun's design incorporates three safeties: a manual safety, a drop safety and a firing pin safety. The single-stack CCP uses a proprietary gas-delayed blowback system, or SoftCoil technology, that reduces felt recoil. (waltherarms.com; 479-242-8500)





Built for the ultimate in reliability, North American Arms' Guardian is a slim semi-auto that offers a 6+1 capacity of .380 or .32 ACP ammo.

Over the years, I've introduced a number of folks at the local gun range to North American Arms' single-action Mini Revolvers.

I've also introduced shooters to the company's various Guardian pistol designs. Why? Because I have always been impressed by the performance of the Utah-based company's products.

Since the early 1970s, North American Arms has been well known for its Mini Revolvers and for the quality and precision with which they are built. Using stainless steel, NAA crafts these rimfire revolvers and then gives each one a lifetime warranty. Each Mini is designed for carry with a full cylinder (five shots) with the hammer down in a specially designed notch, which is a well-thought-out design for a firearm with limited capacity.

NAA Mini Revolvers come in a number of sizes, barrel lengths and calibers, including .22 Short, .22 LR or .22 Mag-

num. And then there are the .22 Magnum Pug/Master/Black Widow lineups with Minis shaped like cap-and-ball revolvers. Things get larger and heavier in these families. Regardless of the name or caliber of the Mini, or even its barrel length, all are products of the same manufacturing process that's been refined over the past few decades.

Pocket Guardian

In a departure from the Minis, in 1997 NAA began offering a diminutive double-action only (DAO) .32 ACP pistol called the Guardian that was inspired by the hard-to-find Seecamp .32 ACP. At the time, small .32 ACPs were in great demand, and the Guardian caught on instantly. The company's next design was a slightly larger framed .380 ACP Guardian with a 6+1 capacity, followed eventually by .25 NAA (.32 ACP necked to .25) and .32 NAA (.380 ACP necked to .32) variants. All are still available for those who need a truly pocket-sized autopistol.

Having fired every NAA Guardian caliber, I found myself leaning toward the .380 ACP for a pocket partner. There's nothing wrong with the .32 version or its brethren, but the .380 seems to just fit me best. The recoil imparted to this 18.4-ounce pistol by a .380 ACP round is easily handled. There are no polymers (excluding its black pebbled grips) or "pot metals" used in the Guardian's construction—just hard, durable, corrosion-resistant steel that's been expertly machined to fit together perfectly. The pistol's weight is a constant reminder of the quality materials used in its construction.

Guardian pistols are testaments to simplicity and can be sub-divided into five main operational parts: frame, slide,



SHOOTING STAR



North American Arms' .380 Guardian with Crimson Trace Lasergrips is a dead-on defender!

BY D.K. PRIDGEN

recoil spring assembly, magazine and grips. The total number of parts stands at 37 (by comparison, the 1911 has over 50). These pistols work with little fuss and muss, with no magazine safety, external manual or grip safety. There's just a DAO trigger system requiring about 10 pounds of pressure.

The 2.5-inch barrel is integral to the frame, adding a tad of extra accuracy, something firearms with shorter barrels are always glad to pick up. The pistol's simple, integral sights will never be bumped out of alignment. Other Guardian sight options include Guttersnipe, Novak and XS Big Dot systems.

The Guardian's slide features an external, spring-loaded extractor, a loaded chamber viewing port, a slightly raised ridge for the front and rear sights and eight cocking serrations. These effective serrations are helpful when racking blowback-action slides, which typically require more effort than on similarly sized pistols using other action types.

The pistol's hammer remains flush with the slide until the trigger is pulled. The nicely designed trigger, with all its edges rounded for comfort, rides inside an integral trigger-guard that's roomy enough for the fingers of virtually any hand. Trigger pull measured at 10.3 pounds, which is comparable to DAO

snub-nose revolvers I've previously tested. A serrated magazine catch is traditionally functioning and located.

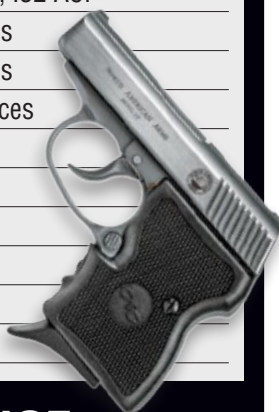
I found two fingers fit the Guardian's frame comfortably, with the third curling beneath the flat magazine's baseplate. For the magazines with extended finger-rest baseplates, the baseplate

sticks between the second and third fingers, offering the shooter even more control.

SPECIFICATIONS

NAA GUARDIAN

CALIBER:	.380 ACP, .32 ACP
BARREL:	2.5 inches
OA LENGTH:	4.8 inches
WEIGHT:	18.4 ounces
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Fixed
ACTION:	DAO
FINISH:	Stainless
CAPACITY:	6+1
MSRP:	\$449



PERFORMANCE

LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
CorBon 80 DPX	926	3.33
Hornady 90 FTX	866	2.20
Winchester 95 SXT	855	2.80

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 7 yards.

Range Report

NAA has an abundance of accessories for its Guardians, including repair parts, bottlenecked ammunition, grips and even belt and pocket holsters. Prior to the range trip, I examined several NAA items: a zippered, black, ballistic nylon Universal Rug, which has pockets for pistols and extra magazines; a black, thumb-break, clip-on holster; and Crimson Trace Lasergrips.

The Universal Rug clips to the belt for ease of carry. The small, trim belt holster, combined with the Guardian's minute dimensions, offers a very compact package that's capable of riding beneath untucked shirts. Crimson Trace's units always seem to please, and it attached easily to my test pistol. To operate, just grasp the pistol and the red dot automatically appears on the target. During testing, I also used a



DeSantis Super Fly pocket holster for the Guardian and a Mag-Packer.

Firing at 7 yards, NAA's .380 Guardian produced velocities in the 900 fps range, which are reasonable for a 2.5-inch barrel. From the bench, the Crimson Trace helped produce five-shot groups ranging from 2.8 to 3.3 inches. Though the trigger is heavy compared to pistols in the single-action world, it is fairly smooth and with effort can produce reasonably nice groups. After removing the Lasergrips, the pistol's integral sights produced five-shot groups in the 4-inch range.

Recoil, as with most firearms, was a little more noticeable from the bench than off it. As I moved around, shooting freestyle, any recoil fell off my radar. I discovered that the NAA was quick and easy from the holster, and capable of keeping shots in a



The intuitive Crimson Trace Lasergrip enhances your accuracy without compromising your firing grip or the .380 ACP Guardian's slim, easy-to-handle ergonomics.



10-inch circle while moving around the targets. Planting my feet and shooting the Guardian fairly quickly from 7 feet, shots gathered in the target's 4-inch head zone.

The closer the attacker gets, the more precisely the Guardian will deliver its payload. And close quarters is where the Guardian shines. At bad-breath distances, the .380 NAA Guardian will spit out seven rounds in a flash right where you want them.

The Takeaway

How will North American Arms' fit into your concealed-carry routine? When you really have to dress down, you need to carry something as innocuous as possible but that's quick into action and reliable, and for that the NAA handguns fit the bill. For a backup gun, I would have no qualms (and have had none) about carrying the .380 Guardian or NAA's Mini Revolvers.

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HIDDEN TALONS



Kimber's Micro legion, including the Raptor Stainless, blends sleek design with reliable, pocket-sized protection! **BY DENNIS ADLER**

With the new Micro Raptor, what comes out of Kimber's Custom Shop is a light-weight, fully tuned, 6+1 capacity pocket pistol that leaves absolutely nothing to be desired. It is the personification of custom in a .380 ACP semi-automatic.

Kimber introduced its first .380 ACP model, the Micro CDP, in late 2012. What was noteworthy about that semi-auto was that Kimber had never produced a .380 prior to this, being known primarily as a custom builder of larger 1911-style pistols and, of course, the smallest 9mm ever, the Kimber Solo. So moving down to .380 ACP was the next logical step since it allowed Kimber to offer a custom-grade CCW

sidearm in every popular self-defense caliber.

With the exception of the Solo, the New York armsmaker has never tried to reinvent the wheel—just to make a better-functioning, better-looking wheel—and this is the case with the Micro CDP. What then does Kimber bring to the table? Just about everything.

SPECIFICATIONS

KIMBER MICRO RAPTOR STAINLESS



CALIBER:	.380 ACP
BARREL:	2.75 inches
OA LENGTH:	5.6 inches
WEIGHT:	13.4 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Zebra wood
SIGHTS:	Tritium three-dot night
ACTION:	SA
FINISH:	Satin silver
CAPACITY:	6+1
MSRP:	\$960

PERFORMANCE

LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
Federal Premium 99 HST JHP	901	1.50
Sig Sauer Elite 90 JHP Performance V-Crown	919	1.50
Sig Sauer Elite Performance 100 FMJ	834	1.00

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 7 yards.

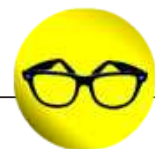
Micro Marvel

There are two versions of the Micro Raptor, both of which have a lowered and flared ejection port; a distinctive flattop slide and mainspring housing featuring deeply cut scales; scaled gripping surfaces on the front-strap and slide (replacing traditional vertical serrations); an ambidextrous thumb safety; three-dot tritium night sights; and Zebra wood grips. The matte black version, at \$939, is the lower-priced of the two. The Micro Raptor Stainless, the high end of an already high-end gun, adds a matte stainless steel slide, a matching, satin-silver-finished, aluminum frame and Kimber Custom Shop markings, all of which modestly ups the price to \$960.

From the inside out, both Micro Raptors are fine-tuned for enhanced handling and operation to further justify their prices. Coming from the Custom Shop, each pistol's parts are meticulously finished



The Kimber Micro Raptor Stainless in .380 ACP (shown with a Galco Stinger belt holster) looks as good as it performs.



MORE MICRO FIREPOWER

Kimber has introduced an entire line of .380s in its Micro Series, all essentially the same gun in terms of function and handling, but offered in a dazzling array of finishes, colors and grip options. The .380 ACP remains the “go to” pistol for lighter-weight concealed-carry use, and Kimber is making the choices and options more distinctive than ever.

Micro CDP

The Micro CDP features an aluminum frame finished in matte black, a stainless steel slide in satin silver, the company’s “Carry Melt” treatment, Meprolight tritium three-dot night sights, an aluminum match-grade trigger and rosewood grips along with all of the standard Micro series upgrades. It is also available with optional Crimson Trace Lasergrips (as shown).

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .380 ACP • **BARREL:** 2.75 inches
WEIGHT: 13.4 ounces (empty)
CAPACITY: 6+1 • **MSRP:** \$951



Micro Carry

The Micro Carry is the standard model for the Kimber Micro series and offers shooters a snag-free design, an aluminum match-grade trigger and a high-cut triggerguard. The stainless steel slide is finished in matte black to match the matte black aluminum frame. The gun features fixed, low-profile combat sights and black synthetic grips are also standard.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .380 ACP • **BARREL:** 2.75 inches
WEIGHT: 13.4 ounces (empty)
CAPACITY: 6+1 • **MSRP:** \$651



Micro Advocate

The Micro Advocate offers all the standard features of the Micro line but with an extended-capacity, seven-round magazine. Fixed three-dot night sights, a solid aluminum trigger, a matte black stainless steel slide, an aluminum frame and G10 grips in purple or brown are all standard.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .380 ACP • **BARREL:** 2.75 inches
WEIGHT: 13.4 ounces (empty)
CAPACITY: 7+1 • **MSRP:** \$796



Micro Diamond

From Kimber’s eye-catching Diamond series, the new Micro Diamond .380 comes with special milled, ivory Micarta grips, a brilliant mirror-polished slide with cut scroll border engraving and tritium three-dot night sights.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .380 ACP • **BARREL:** 2.75 inches
WEIGHT: 13.4 ounces (empty)
CAPACITY: 6+1 • **MSRP:** \$1,014



Micro Sapphire

The .380 ACP Micro Sapphire uses Kimber’s satin silver, KimPro II-finished aluminum frame and features an engraved slide finished in an iridescent blue similar in brilliance to nitrite blue. The same brilliant sapphire hue is also on the slide release, the ambidextrous thumb safety, the magazine releases and even the hex-head screws securing the ball-milled G10 grips. The Micro Sapphire comes with an aluminum match-grade trigger and tritium three-dot night sights.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .380 ACP • **BARREL:** 2.75 inches
WEIGHT: 13.4 ounces (empty)
CAPACITY: 6+1 • **MSRP:** \$1,014



Micro Bel Air

This Micro .380 sports a striking turquoise (“Bel Air Blue”) KimPro II-finished frame, a mirror-polished stainless steel slide and screw heads, and ivory Micarta grips. This model comes with fixed, low-profile sights and a match-grade, solid aluminum trigger.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .380 ACP • **BARREL:** 2.75 inches
WEIGHT: 13.4 ounces (empty)
CAPACITY: 6+1 • **MSRP:** \$810



and hand fitted. The Micro Raptor’s recoil spring offers 8 pounds of resistance around a full-length steel guide rod. The 2.75-inch barrel is polished stainless steel, the blackened hammer is skeletonized and the match-grade trigger, made from solid aluminum, is set to approximately 7 pounds of resistance. The pistol’s aluminum frame has a high, undercut triggerguard and a beveled magazine well. The slide is stainless steel. As a finishing touch, the guns have Kimber’s “Carry Melt” treatment to minimize catching on clothing or holsters during your draw. This lengthy

list of upgrades puts the Micro Raptor among the best .380 pistols in the world.

At The Range

Handling the Kimber Micro Raptor Stainless is an exercise in smooth operation. The single-action trigger has a short, consistent pull that averaged 6.8 pounds. The curved, ambidextrous thumb safety operates easily, and the slide release requires only moderate pressure to drop empty magazines cleanly.

To evaluate the performance of the Micro Raptor Stainless, I selected Sig Sauer

Elite Performance V-Crown 90-grain JHPs, Federal Premium’s hard-hitting 99-grain HST JHP and a traditional FMJ round, Elite Performance 100 grain. Federal Premium’s new HST flew at an average of 901 fps, the lighter-grain-weight Sig Sauer JHP clocked at 919 fps and the FMJ Sig Elite Performance delivered 834 fps.

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Sig Sauer's P238 Spartan and its siblings bring tip-of-the-spear power to bear!

BY RICHARD JOHNSON

Facing overwhelming odds, King Leonidas I commanded a small force of Spartans and other Greeks against the full might of the Persian army.

His skillful command and fighting prowess, along with the unbreakable will of his troops, combined to inflict massive losses on the invaders. The courage and devotion to duty demonstrated by the Spartans at the Battle of Thermopylae have inspired countless generations of fighting men for more than 2,000 years. It is that inspiration that led Sig Sauer to develop the P238 Spartan pistol.

Finished with an oil-rubbed bronze PVD finish, this stainless steel pistol is striking in appearance. PVD, or physical vapor deposition, is a metal coating process that is used in the aerospace and automotive industries. The process improves the corrosion and wear resistance of metal. It

can also be used to produce unique color options not available with other forms of finishing. The pistol's custom stocks are black and have an inlaid Spartan helmet. "Molon Labe," Greek for "come and get it," is engraved in the slide. Without a doubt, this pistol has a striking design.

As with other P238 pistols, the Spartan is a single-action-only design. The trigger is light and crisp, not unlike a quality 1911 pistol. The gun has a manual safety that is large enough to quickly disengage, but not so large as to get in the way when carrying concealed.

The P238 is chambered in .380 ACP. This round has seen a resurgence as a self-defense round in recent years. As a result, high-quality personal protection loads are available for it from Hornady, Federal Premium, Winchester Ammunition and other companies. Typically, the P238 pistol would ship with a flush-fitting, six-round magazine. For the Spartan, Sig Sauer

ships a seven-round magazine that is fitted with an X-Grip magazine adapter. The X-Grip effectively lengthens the grip of the gun, giving the shooter additional space to wrap his hand around. Just over 1 inch wide, the Spartan is less than 4 inches tall and will conceal relatively easily in a pocket with a good quality holster.

While some may argue that a pocket pistol is not the handgun of choice for a modern warrior, I'd say otherwise. The Spartans taught us that tactics and the will to fight are as important as the tool carried. The Sig Sauer P238 is a high-quality firearm, and having one in your pocket demonstrates your preparedness and willingness to defend yourself. I'd say that is keeping in the Spartan tradition.

Designer Defense

While the Spartan is bound to catch the attention of many shooters, it is certainly not the only compact pistol made by

SPECIFICATIONS

SIG SAUER P238 SPARTAN

CALIBER:	.380 ACP
BARREL:	2.7 inches
OA LENGTH:	5.5 inches
WEIGHT:	20.1 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Black Spartan grips
SIGHTS:	SIGLITE night
ACTION:	SA
FINISH:	Oil-rubbed bronze
CAPACITY:	7+1
MSRP:	\$833



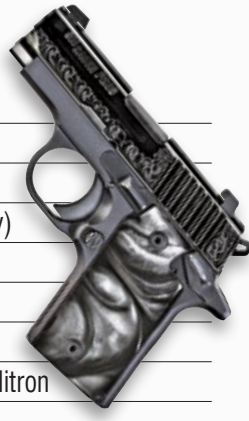
SIG SAUER P238 RAINBOW

CALIBER:	.380 ACP
BARREL:	2.7 inches
OA LENGTH:	5.5 inches
WEIGHT:	15.2 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Rosewood
SIGHTS:	SIGLITE night
ACTION:	SA
FINISH:	Rainbow titanium, Nitron
CAPACITY:	6+1
MSRP:	\$752



SIG SAUER P238 BLACK PEARL

CALIBER:	.380 ACP
BARREL:	2.7 inches
OA LENGTH:	5.5 inches
WEIGHT:	15.2 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Black pearl
SIGHTS:	SIGLITE night
ACTION:	SA
FINISH:	Engraved/polished Nitron
CAPACITY:	6+1
MSRP:	\$779





Sig Sauer. Few guns will catch the eye of a shooter quite like the P238 Rainbow. Both the slide and external controls have a rainbow titanium finish that has to be seen in person to be truly appreciated. Matched to the incredible slide finish is the Nitron frame and beautiful rosewood grips.

Sig Sauer equips the P238 Rainbow with the highly effective SIGLITE night sights and a crisp single-action trigger. The flush-fitting magazines hold six rounds of .380 ACP ammunition. Unloaded, the gun weighs less than a pound with the magazine. Although it is a shame to hide the brilliant finish, this Sig makes for an excellent pocket carry gun.

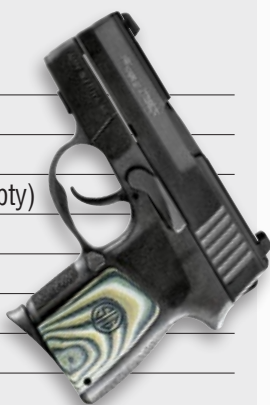
Sig's P238 Spartan in .380 ACP has a durable bronze finish, custom Spartan grips and "Molon Labe" engraved on the slide—Greek for "come and get it."

Sig's P238

Black Pearl has an understated beauty that many shooters will appreciate. A polished black Nitron slide is detailed with scrollwork. Black pearl grips offer a clean and refined look that blends well with the engraved slide. The frame and controls have a matte Nitron finish that properly frames the more custom components. As a part of the P238 family, the Black Pearl is a single-action pistol chambered in .380 ACP. Six-round, flush-fitting magazines are standard. Also

SIG SAUER P290RS ENHANCED

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 2.9 inches
OA LENGTH: 5.5 inches
WEIGHT: 20.5 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: G10
SIGHTS: SIGLITE night
ACTION: DAO
FINISH: Nitron
CAPACITY: 6+1
MSRP: \$556



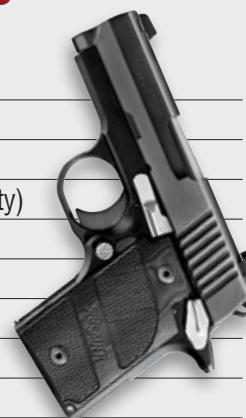
SIG SAUER P938 SCORPION

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3 inches
OA LENGTH: 5.9 inches
WEIGHT: 16 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Hogue Extreme G10
SIGHTS: SIGLITE night
ACTION: SA
FINISH: Flat Dark Earth
CAPACITY: 7+1
MSRP: \$893



SIG SAUER P938 NIGHTMARE

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3 inches
OA LENGTH: 5.9 inches
WEIGHT: 16 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Blackwood
SIGHTS: SIGLITE night
ACTION: SA
FINISH: Nitron
CAPACITY: 6+1
MSRP: \$836



standard are the night sights. Thin and light, the gun can be discreetly carried at even the most extravagant affair without creating telltale bulges.

Hardcore Nines

The P290RS Enhanced is a practical gun with a touch of flair that offers double-action-only operation and a polymer frame. This compact 9mm handgun is hammer fired and restrike capable. The removable side plates have G10 grips with a subtle, eye-catching pattern and improved texture.

A serious combat pistol, the P290RS Enhanced comes standard with SIGLITE night sights that are drift adjustable. The rear sight has a hard front edge for emergency slide manipulation with only one hand. The single-stack magazines hold six rounds and help keep the overall width of the gun under 1 inch. The gun is compatible with a laser aiming module also available from Sig Sauer.

Slightly larger than the P238 series of pistols, the P938 keeps the same gen-

**The Sig Sauer P238
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firearm, and having
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eral look and feel but is chambered in 9mm. The P938 Scorpion has the look of a serious handgun with the sting to back it up. The pistol is finished in Flat Dark

Earth on an anodized frame. Controls, including the trigger, ambidextrous safety and slide stop, are finished in black.

The Scorpion is equipped with a seven-round extended magazine that allows for a full grip on the pistol. Frontstrap serrations and Hogue Extreme G10 grips further improve the ability to get a solid grasp on the gun in harsh environments.

A citizen armed with the P938 Nightmare is one of the most terrifying prospects to a potential attacker. This compact 9mm slips easily into a pocket and stays well hidden until its services are needed. With standard magazines, this gun gives the armed good guy 6+1 rounds of defensive firepower to ward off armed assailants in the darkest of nights. Sig Sauer equips this pistol with SIGLITE night sights. Nickel controls contrast nicely against the black frame. Black G10 grips look good on the pistol but, more importantly, help the good guy hold onto the pistol during rapid fire and wet conditions. For more information, visit sigsauer.com or call 866-345-6744. **PP**



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BY RICHARD JOHNSON

When Smith & Wesson introduced the striker-fired M&P Shield in 2012, the gun was an immediate hit due to its small size and ample power. However, there proved to be a desire with some consumers for a version without a manual safety. When Smith & Wesson announced the new models without the manual safety lever, I knew I wanted one. Since that time, I've extensively shot the M&P Shield in both 9mm and .40 S&W. The pistols are incredibly accurate and easy to shoot. For concealed carry, these guns are exceptional defensive pistols.

.40 Protector

Chambered in .40 S&W, the M&P40 Shield is thin and weighs only 19 ounces. Flush-fitting magazines hold six rounds, while the included extended magazine will hold one additional round. The extended magazine comes equipped with a magazine sleeve that gives the shooter a larger grip area.

Smith & Wesson includes combat-sized three-dot sights on its Shield pistols. The sights are large enough to use during rapid fire. Additionally, the sights are dovetailed into place, which allows for the easy addition of night sights or other aftermarket sights. The rear sight has a sloped front edge. This may help with reducing snagging during a draw and reholstering of the pistol, but it does prevent using the sight for one-handed emergency manipulations of the slide.

While this gun has the same look and style of the full-sized M&P pistols, the Shield does not have interchangeable palm swell grips. For my medium-sized hands, the gun felt good and was easily managed. In many cases, shooters with small hands will like the fit of this gun since its thin nature allows for better placement of the finger on the trigger.

In my testing, both the M&P40 Shield and its 9mm counterpart were 100-percent reliable with every kind of ammunition I fed them. Compared to the full-sized M&P9

in my safe, the Shield has an improved trigger. The pull is less spongy, with a slightly heavier break. Reset is more obvious than that on the larger gun.

The M&P Shield series of handguns are a solid choice for concealed carry. Reliability and accuracy combine with the pistol's thinness to offer a great defensive weapon. For anyone who finds himself in harm's way, having a Shield can be the ultimate defense.

Ultimate Bodyguards

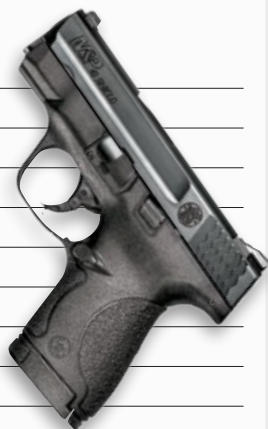
Small enough to slip into virtually any pocket, the M&P Bodyguard 380 holds 6+1 rounds and is available with or without a Crimson Trace laser. Chambered in .380 ACP, this subcompact pistol has a hammer-fired, double-action-only system. A frame-mounted safety is located on the left side of the pistol. The polymer frame helps trim weight down to 12.5 ounces.

Built with an ambidextrous cylinder release, the M&P Bodyguard 38 is a compact

SPECIFICATIONS

M&P40 SHIELD

CALIBER: .40 S&W
BARREL: 3.1 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.1 inches
WEIGHT: 19 ounces
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Three-dot
ACTION: Striker-fired
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 6+1
MSRP: \$449



M&P BODYGUARD 380 CRIMSON TRACE

CALIBER: .380 ACP
BARREL: 2.75 inches
OA LENGTH: 5.25 inches
WEIGHT: 12.5 ounces
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Three-dot
ACTION: DAO
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 6+1
MSRP: \$449



M&P BODYGUARD 38 CRIMSON TRACE

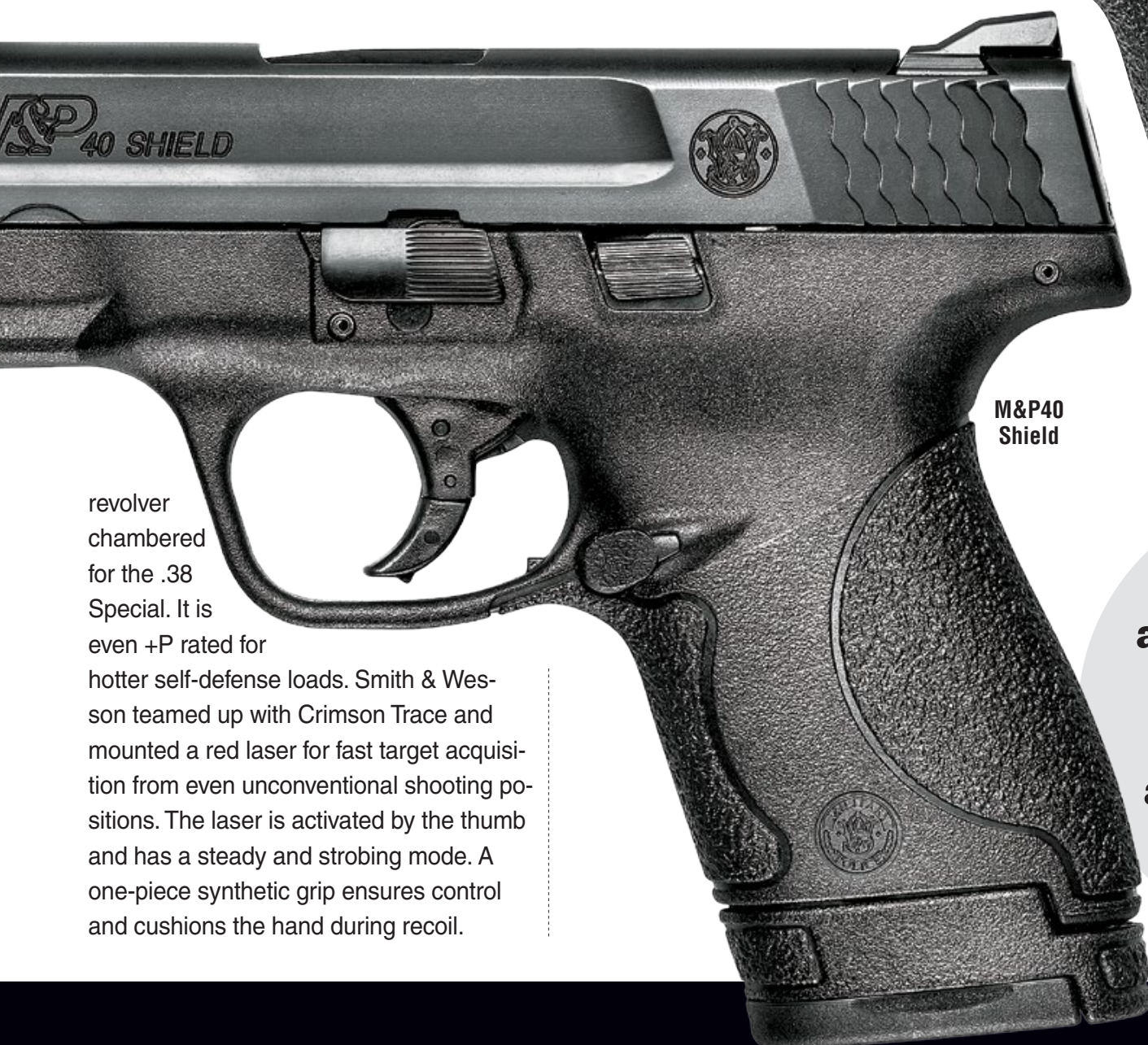
CALIBER: .38 Special +P
BARREL: 1.9 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.6 inches
WEIGHT: 14.36 ounces
GRIPS: Synthetic
SIGHTS: Fixed
ACTION: DAO
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 5
MSRP: \$539



ANS



M&P9
Shield



M&P40
Shield

revolver chambered for the .38 Special. It is even +P rated for hotter self-defense loads. Smith & Wesson teamed up with Crimson Trace and mounted a red laser for fast target acquisition from even unconventional shooting positions. The laser is activated by the thumb and has a steady and strobing mode. A one-piece synthetic grip ensures control and cushions the hand during recoil.

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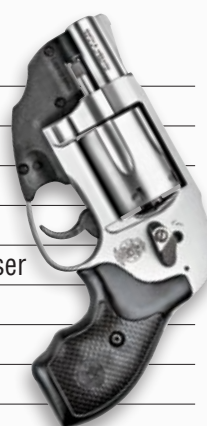
M&P9C FLAT DARK EARTH

CALIBER:	9mm
BARREL:	3.5 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.7 inches
WEIGHT:	21.7 ounces
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Three-dot
ACTION:	Striker-fired
FINISH:	Matte black/ Flat Dark Earth
CAPACITY:	12+1
MSRP:	\$569



MODEL 638 LASERMAX

CALIBER:	.38 Special +P
BARREL:	1.875 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.31 inches
WEIGHT:	15.5 ounces
GRIPS:	Synthetic
SIGHTS:	Fixed, LaserMax laser
ACTION:	DA/SA
FINISH:	Matte stainless
CAPACITY:	5
MSRP:	\$539



MODEL 340 PD

CALIBER:	.38 Special/.357 Magnum
BARREL:	1.875 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.31 inches
WEIGHT:	11.4 ounces
GRIPS:	Synthetic
SIGHTS:	Hi-Viz fiber optic front, fixed rear
ACTION:	DAO
FINISH:	Matte black
CAPACITY:	5
MSRP:	\$1,019



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For those looking for increased capacity and power, the M&P9c offers 12+1 rounds of 9mm. The low-profile, three-dot sights allow you to accurately shoot the gun without adding unnecessary height. This particular model has a Flat Dark Earth frame with a black slide and accents.

Next-Gen Wheelguns

Fitted with a red aiming laser from LaserMax, the Model 638 is chambered for the .38 Special cartridge and is rated for +P loads. The gun has a partially shrouded hammer that reduces snagging when being drawn, yet it still allows the shooter to cock the gun for single-action shooting.

The lightweight Model 340 PD pocket revolver carries the authority of Thor's hammer when it barks. Chambered for the decisive .357 Magnum cartridge, this J-Frame weighs less than 12 ounces when unloaded. Smith & Wesson topped the barrel with a bright Hi-Viz green fiber-optic sight for quick aiming in a violent confrontation. The barrel and scandium alloy frame have an anti-glare matte black finish while the titanium alloy cylinder has a natural gray appearance. For more information, visit smith-wesson.com or call 800-331-0852. **PP**

LASERMAX CF-SHIELD

Bringing unerring precision to a compact and powerful defensive firearm, the CF-SHIELD Centerfire Laser from LaserMax is a compact yet powerful red laser aiming unit for the popular Smith & Wesson Shield pistol.

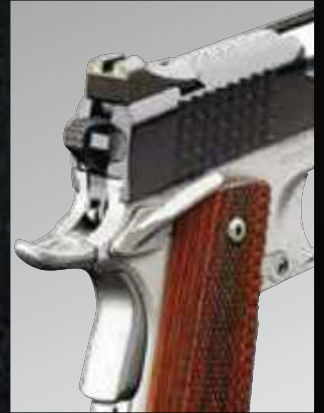
Designed to fit both 9mm and .40-cal. variants, the CF-SHIELD is made from light yet tough reinforced nylon and clamps around the pistol's triggerguard for ease of installation. Fully adjustable for windage and elevation, the red laser unit features ambidextrous "tap on/tap off" switches and a 10-minute time-out cutoff to prevent inadvertent battery drainage. For more information, visit lasermax.com or call 800-527-3703. —**Michael O. Humphries**



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INSIDE THE WAISTBAND



3-Speed Holster

A non-traditional carry rig, the 3-Speed Holster is a pouch that secures around the hips and hangs inside the waistband along the midline of the body. Depending on how you set the holster up, it can be positioned low or high for better concealment. The 3-Speed Holster also allows for the carrying of additional items such as a spare magazine. (3speedholster.com; 954-561-2042)

Alien Gear Cloak Tuck 3.0

A hybrid-style holster, the latest version of the Cloak Tuck from Alien Gear promises improved retention and flexibility from a line of rigs already known for comfort. Soft neoprene rides against the skin of the wearer, while an inner stainless steel band provides durability. These holsters are available for a wide range of compact handguns. (aliengearholsters.com; 208-215-2046)



Beretta Hybrid Holster

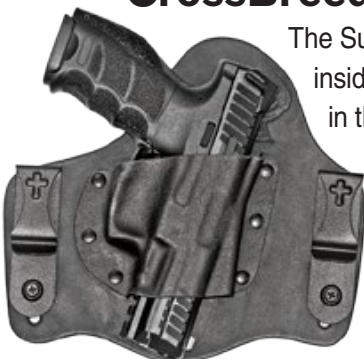
Although known for firearms, Beretta USA also offers concealed-carry holsters. One of these quality rigs is the company's Hybrid Holster. Available for a number of the company's handguns, these holsters have a premium leather backer with ventilation holes to improve comfort. With this rig, a shirt may be tucked in over the gun for maximum concealment. (beretta.com)



CrossBreed SuperTuck

The SuperTuck is the flagship inside-the-waistband holster in the CrossBreed Holsters series of carry rigs. A hybrid-style holster, the company offers a number of options with both leather backers and attached belt clips.

Additionally, holsters are adjustable by the owner for cant and height, allowing you to find the best carry position for your needs. CrossBreed offers the SuperTuck IWB holster for a large number of quality CCW handguns. (crossbreedholsters.com; 888-732-5011)



Fist #1K Clip Holster

An inside-the-waistband-style holster, the Fist #1K Clip holster in Kydex is simple, thin and impervious to moisture, and the clip will even hold onto pants if you aren't wearing a belt. Available options include tension screws, open or closed bottoms, and thumb breaks for security. The holster can also be ordered to accommodate a gun with a weapon light. (fist-holsters.com; 800-443-3478)



Milt Sparks Summer Special 2

A personal favorite, the Milt Sparks Summer Special 2 is a traditional leather IWB holster. With the original Summer Special, these holsters have comfortably and securely served the concealed-carry needs of citizens and cops alike for decades. These premium holsters can even be customized with sharkskin for a truly unique carry rig. The loops are swappable to match the belt size you are wearing. (miltsparks.com; 208-377-5577)



HOLSTERS

Versatile, street-ready rigs for every style of carry! **BY RICHARD JOHNSON**



Few things carry as heavy a responsibility as the concealed carry of a firearm.

Yet to properly shoulder this burden, the citizen needs four things: proper training, a reliable firearm, proven ammunition and a quality holster. Unfortunately, the carry rig is given only a cursory mention in many discussions.

The holster is likely to have a greater impact than any other piece of equipment on whether or not you have a gun with you in a deadly-force en-

counter. A good concealment rig will be comfortable, secure the handgun in place and properly hide the pistol from sight. If a holster fails to do these things, you will be less likely to carry the gun regularly, reducing the chances of having it if you need it. In this roundup, there are a number of great options in the categories of inside-the-waistband, outside-the-waistband, pocket, ankle and shoulder holsters. Just like a firearm, different rigs will work better for different people. Read on to find out what is right for you!

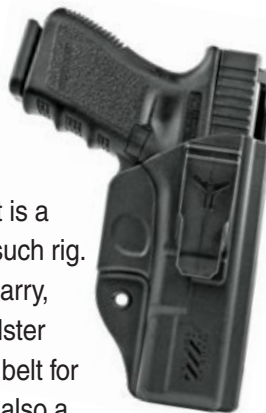
BlackHawk A.R.C.

Possibly one of the best values on the holster market, the new A.R.C. holster from BlackHawk features a soft but sturdy polymer material. This material gives the holster the comfort of leather with the durability of plastic. The A.R.C. is adjustable for both ride height and cant, plus the belt clip can be quickly reversed to fit left-handed shooters. (blackhawk.com; 800-379-1732)



Blade-Tech Klipt

Blade-Tech is well known for making quality holsters, and the Klipt is a perfect example of one such rig. Designed for appendix carry, the Klipt is a polymer holster that quickly clips to your belt for a comfortable carry. It is also a thin holster, which helps to prevent your pistol from printing under a shirt or other cover garment. (blade-tech.com; 877-331-5793)



Comfort Holsters

A lack of comfort is one of the primary reasons why some people do not carry inside the waistband. Comfort Holsters might change a few minds with these rigs. The holsters are backed with a suede-lined gel cushion that softens the hard edges of a gun while still allowing the skin to breathe. These holsters are backed by a lifetime warranty and a six week "Buy-Back Guarantee." (comfortholsters.com; 479-650-0379)



N8² Tactical Professional

Aiming for the comfort of the original N8² Tactical holster but with a host of new features, the company's Professional holster aims to prove that comforting and comfortable are not mutually exclusive. The Professional is a tuckable IWB-style holster that offers adjustable cant and positive weapon retention. In this rig, a polycarbonate shell is attached to a leather and neoprene backer to protect the gun against sweat and to pad the user from the hard edges of the concealed pistol. (n82tactical.com; 336-237-1943)



Old Faithful IWB Hip

Using drum-dyed English bridle leather and 0.093-inch Kydex, Old Faithful Holsters makes a credible claim to manufacture holsters with some of the best materials available. The Inside-The-Waistband Hip Holster uses a leather backer with a Kydex shell to balance comfort with control. The company offers a 30-day money-back offer if you are not satisfied with the rig. (oldfaithfulholsters.com; 208-215-2145)



Stealth Gear USA Onyx

Offering a twist on the hybrid-style holster, the Stealth Gear USA Onyx uses a synthetic backer called VentCore. This technology uses a combination of mesh and closed-cell foam to offer a significant amount of airflow around the holster and skin. The foam also pads the wearer from the hard corners of the pistol. The Kydex shell is scalloped to help increase airflow as well. (stealthgearusa.com; 801-407-4239)





OUTSIDE THE WAISTBAND

Comp-Tac Flatline

The Flatline holster from Comp-Tac is an outside-the-waistband rig that can be converted to IWB carry as well. Comp-Tac ships the holsters with three sets of belt clips so you can convert the rig immediately after purchase. The holsters are made from Kydex and are available in both open-top and thumb-break versions. Comp-Tac also allows you to customize the rig for belt width and holster color. (comp-tac.com; 866-441-9157)



Crossfire Elite Camouflage

Although it is an outside-the-waistband holster, the Crossfire Elite Camouflage takes an element from IWB rigs by running the belt on the outside of the holster. These holsters use a rubber grip material to better secure the rig in place against the pants, while the holster's nylon and foam construction offers a good balance of comfort and durability. (crossfiregear.com; 208-461-8888)



Mernickle PS6

Designed to facilitate an extremely short, fast draw, the PS6 holsters from Mernickle Holsters are leather belt rigs that ride high and allow for a full grip on the gun. The holsters keep the gun tight to the body for concealment, but also flex with the body to prevent them from pushing against the back of a car seat. Mernickle Holsters also offers a range of exotic leathers and custom carving. (mernickleholsters.com; 800-497-3166)



MTR A-5 Deluxe Quick-Snap

An open-top holster, the A-5 Deluxe Quick-Snap holster from MTR Custom Leather has a reinforced mouth to aid in one-handed reholstering. Additionally, the rig attaches to the belt at two locations, providing increased stability. The A-5 has a slight forward cant and can be finished in elephant and shark skins. These holsters are available for a wide range of compact pistols, including those with an attached laser or light. (mtrcustomleather.com)

Sneaky Pete Holsters

Sneaky Pete Holsters solves the problem of concealing a pistol in an OWB holster by hiding the gun in plain view. These rigs are attractive leather cases that attach to the belt. A flap covers the gun and is held in place by a magnet. Similar to a variety of high-end cell phone cases, these rigs don't require a cover garment or present the same problems of printing that other rigs can. (sneakypeteholsters.com)



Tagua Gunleather Quick Draw

The Quick Draw is a minimalist-style leather belt holster from Tagua Gunleather. As designed, the holster draws the gun in tight to the body for optimal concealment. Additionally, the rig eliminates all material not needed to securely carry the handgun. This exposes the muzzle of the firearm and reduces the thickness in that area that might show unusual bulk under an untucked shirt. (taguagunleather.com; 866-638-2482)



SHOULDER



A.E. Nelson Leather #56

A good shoulder holster can be hard to find. Finding one that doubles as a belt holster as well is even more rare. The #56 from A.E. Nelson is just such a holster. Fully lined with a reinforced thumb break, this horizontal-carry shoulder rig has a fully adjustable harness and optional magazine carrier. The holster can be removed from the harness and used as a strong-side or cross-draw belt holster. (nelsonleather.com; 503-394-3412)



Deep Conceal Soft Shoulder Harness

Deep Conceal offers a universal shoulder holster system that allows the wearer a high degree of flexibility to place the gun precisely in the best position for concealment and comfort. The rig uses adjustable straps along with military-grade hook and loop attachments to ensure the gun and spare ammo is secure and silent. Additional padding helps to reduce pokes from the sharp corners of the gun. (deepconceal.com; 877-443-3486)



ETW Holsters

Handmade and meticulously inspected prior to shipping to a customer, ETW Holsters offers a range of OWB rigs for concealed carry. In addition to standard leather rigs, this North Carolina holster company offers holsters with exotic skins including alligator, elephant, hippopotamus, ostrich, shark and stingray. Matching magazine pouches are also available. (etwholsters.com; 828-358-0001)



Safariland 537 GLS

The 537 GLS Open Top Concealment Belt Slide Holster from Safariland features the company's innovative Grip Lock System, which locks the handgun in place until it's released by the user's middle finger during the draw. It features a tensioning adjustment for customizing its fit to the gun and is available for a wide range of handguns, from full-sized models to compacts like the Glock 19. (safariland.com; 800-347-1200)

X-Concealment M Series MOD II

For a durable OWB rig, take a look at the M Series MOD II from X-Concealment. These Kydex holsters are available for a variety of compact pistols frequently carried for self-defense. The company offers a range of options when ordering these rigs, including choices in color, the size of the sweat guard, the type of cant and the belt loop styles. (x-concealment.com)



Galco Miami Classic II

Made of premium saddle leather, the Miami Classic II is a thoroughly modern shoulder holster design that traces its roots back to the Original Jackass Rig developed in the 1970s. This design carries the pistol and spare magazines in a horizontal position. Galco Gunleather uses a unique backplate and specially designed harness straps to make the Miami Classic II very comfortable. (galcogunleather.com; 800-874-2526)



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POCKET



Bianchi Pocket Pal

Optimal pocket carry requires a good holster like the Pocket Pal from Bianchi Frontier Gunleather. This leather pocket rig has a suede exterior to grab the pocket lining during the draw. The inside of the holster is smooth for a slick draw that is easy on the gun's finish. Designed to keep the gun properly aligned for a draw, the rig also keeps debris out of the triggerguard. (frontiergunleather.com; 760-324-6198)

DeSantis Nemesis

Though the name would suggest otherwise, the DeSantis Nemesis could become your best friend when pocket carrying. The Nemesis is a synthetic pocket holster with foam padding to help break up the gun's outline when concealed. The inner lining of the holster is slick, while the exterior is slightly rough. This allows for an easy draw that doesn't bring the holster with the gun. (desantisholster.com; 800-424-1236)



Dillon Leather El Raton

Dillon Precision teamed up with famed holster maker Mitch Rosen to produce a high-quality leather pocket holster called the El Raton. This concealment holster holds a Smith & Wesson J-Frame revolver, keeping it properly aligned for a sure draw if needed. Due to the shape and material, the holster will not come out of the pocket when the gun is drawn. (dillonprecision.com; 800-762-3845)

“ The holster is likely to have a greater impact than any other piece of equipment on whether or not you have a gun with you in a deadly-force encounter. ”

Jason Winnie PCF

Designed with a hook under the weapon's grip, the PCF (Pocket Carry Front) holster from Jason Winnie Leathergoods catches the edge of the pant pocket when the gun is drawn. This prevents the holster from coming out with the pistol in a confrontation. Additionally, the outside of the top-grain steerhide holster has a suede finish to increase the ability of the gun to stay fixed in the pocket. (jasonwinnie.com)



TUFF Products Pocket Roo

An innovative iteration of the pocket holster concept, the Pocket Roo Holster carries and protects your pistol while also providing a small pocket for a spare magazine or a strip of revolver ammunition. These synthetic rigs from TUFF Products are very affordable and fit most popular pocket pistols. The company also offers the holster without the extra pocket and calls it the Jr. Roo. (tuffproducts.com; 877-883-3776)



Gould & Goodrich Wallet Holster

A variation of the traditional pocket holster, the Gould & Goodrich Wallet Holster is designed to conceal the outline of the pistol by making it look like a wallet. The Wallet Holster is made of synthetic materials with foam and nylon to camouflage the gun and hold it in position. Available for both right- and left-handed shooters, the Wallet Holster is available for many popular compact handguns. (gouldusa.com; 800-277-0732)



Wright Leather Works Insider Holster

Wright Leather Works makes the Insider pocket holster individually for each gun model. This allows the company to eliminate excess material and keep the holster as small as the gun you are relying on for self-defense. These fine leather rigs are available in five different colors, from a light saddle tan to a rich black. Wright Leather Works also offers options to upgrade the Insider holster with an enhanced lining. (wrightleatherworks.com)



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ANKLE



Aker International Comfort-Flex PRO

It is hard to beat ankle carry for deep concealment. The Aker International Comfort-Flex PRO ankle holster aims to make this mode of carry as comfortable as possible. It has a sheepskin backing to cushion the leg from the pistol. The surgical-grade elastic band is tough enough to hold the gun in place, yet it provides enough flexibility so walking doesn't feel awkward.

(akerleather.com; 800-645-2537)

Bianchi Model 4750 Ranger Triad

The Model 4750 Ranger Triad ankle holster from Bianchi offers three unique features: an Achilles arch that keeps the holster in position, a detachable ankle pad for maximum comfort and a compression strap design that pulls the butt of the gun into the calf. The result is a compact and comfortable ankle rig that keeps your carry gun at the ready.

(safariiland.com; 800-347-1200)



Elite Survival Advanced Ankle Holster

The Advanced Ankle Holster from Elite Survival Systems is an ambidextrous rig that is adjustable for angle and height on the heavy-duty elastic band. A secondary carry pouch is also located on the band, allowing you to have a spare magazine, knife or flashlight handy. The holster is backed by a synthetic shearling panel for comfort. A calf support strap is optional.

(elitesurvival.com; 866-340-2778)



Fobus Holsters

Lightweight and comfortable, Fobus ankle holsters are available for a wide range of compact semi-automatic pistols and revolvers. These rigs have a durable 0.75-inch-thick Cordura pad that is suede lined for increased comfort. The holster is made of an impact-resistant polymer that is made to stand up to the abuses of daily ankle carry.

(fobusholster.com; 267-803-1517)

Remora 3-In-1 Holsters

"Convertible" is a good word that can be used to describe the Remora 3-In-1 ankle holster. The rig carries on the ankle using a strap that wraps around the leg. Should you want to use the holster in another way, you can remove the strap and use it for IWB or pocket carry. For ankle carry, Remora offers an optional calf strap to help support the weight of heavier pistols.

(remoraholsterstore.com; 239-434-7200)



Sticky Holsters AnkleBiter

The AnkleBiter ankle holster is a modular concealment system offered by Sticky Holsters. When used in conjunction with the company's standard IWB/pocket holster, the AnkleBiter securely carries a compact pistol on the leg. Due to the design, cant and gun positioning is infinitely adjustable by the owner to achieve the perfect carry position.

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LCP CUSTOM



There's a new LCP in town and it is unmistakable for several reasons, most notably for a distinctive, skeletonized, red aluminum trigger.

Of course, anodized aluminum triggers are nothing new, they're available as a custom addition for a vast number of handguns, but this one comes direct from the factory. The idea behind the new trigger is more than appearances; it is designed to reduce "felt" trigger pull by changing the trigger finger interface so that you have more leverage.

This also reduces the bite during recoil from the pointy re-curve at the bottom of the standard trigger. In general, the trigger feels lighter, stacking becomes less evident and reset is quicker, although the trigger pull remains the same.

Other significant features of the LCP Custom are the polished blued slide and its new sights. Up front is a tall blade with a photoluminescent center dot; in back is a tall, square-notched, dovetailed sight that centers the front dot in an instant. The LCP Custom also uses a new, more durable stainless steel guide rod. Everything else that is good about the original LCP remains, making the Custom version a significant factory upgrade.

With its lightweight polymer frame, aluminum subframe, through-hardened steel slide and blued steel barrel, the LCP Custom remains ideal for unobtrusive carry in a trouser pocket while providing a standard 6+1 capacity. Over the years since the little double-action-only (DAO) pistol, with its glass-filled-nylon frame, very pocket-friendly 2.75-inch barrel and 0.8-inch width, was introduced, the .380 ACP cartridge has become the most popular self-defense round in America and the LCP one of the true success stories in contemporary small-caliber self-defense firearms.

While the LCP was not the first pocket-sized, polymer-framed .380, the Ruger name attached to the LCP set the

industry on fire in 2008 and sent the company into overtime to meet demand. But moreover, the LCP's popularity led to a proliferation of new .380 pocket pistols and to ammunition makers producing better, higher-velocity .380 ACP rounds.

Practical Defender

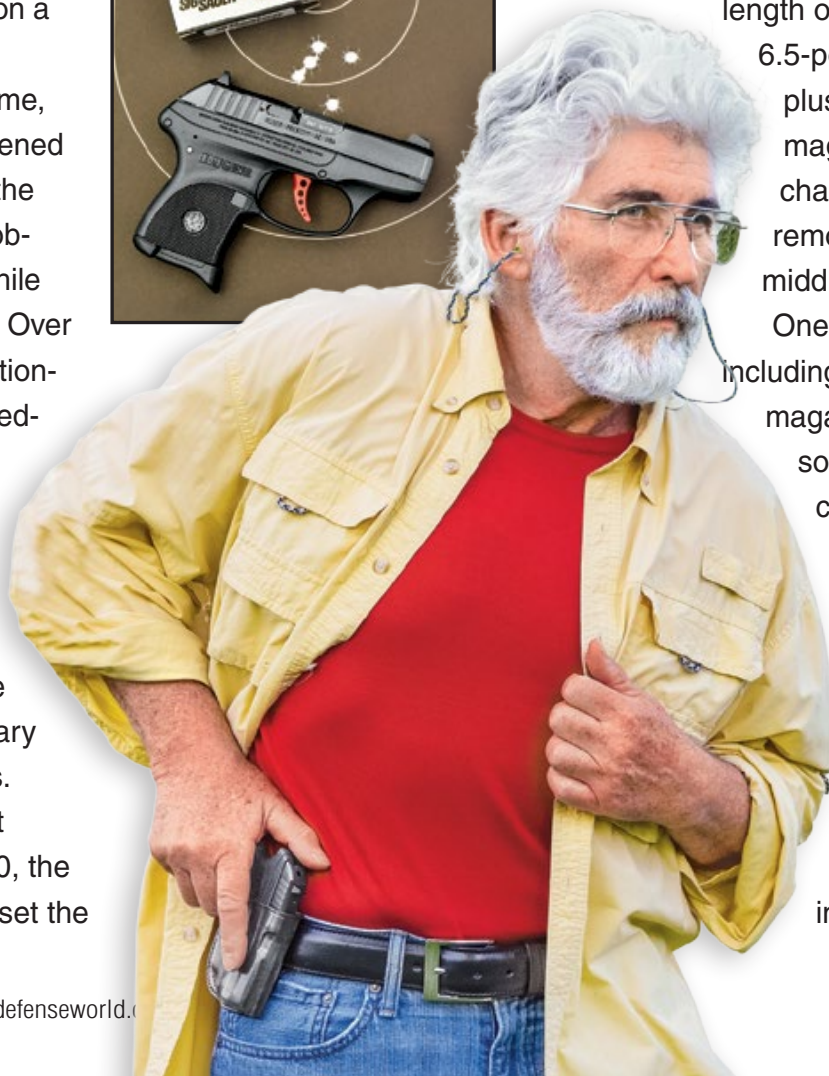
In terms of familiarization, the LCP is a hammer-fired, locked-breech, recoil-operated semi-auto with an internal hammer. The hammer can be clearly seen through a cutout in the back of the slide when the action has been cycled. If it hasn't, there is nothing showing at the back of the slide, making for one very quick check of the gun's condition. In addition, the trigger, though remaining in its forward position, has zero resistance if the slide has not been cycled. Finally, there is a loaded-chamber viewport at the breech.

While it is unusual for a pistol as small as the LCP to use a locked-breech design, as opposed to the blowback operation common with many .380s, Ruger opted for the sturdier build generally used for larger-caliber semi-autos.

The simplicity of the LCP design is ideal for a personal defense handgun. First, there are no manual safeties to remember, and the DAO trigger has a short 0.5-inch length of travel countered by a solid

6.5-pound average trigger pull. Another plus is that the LCP does not use a magazine disconnect, so it will fire a chambered round if the magazine is removed or if one gets caught up in the middle of a tactical reload.

One of the issues with pocket pistols, including the LCP, is capacity. Six-round magazines are the norm, but there are some interesting alternatives, especially for the LCP. There are two ways to push capacity from 6+1 to 10+1 or even 15+1. Both magazines are designed and manufactured by ProMag. That company's 10-round, blued steel magazine is ideal for a reload (but not that good for pocket carry, as the magazine adds 2.43 inches to the grip frame including the finger rest extension).



BY DENNIS ADLER

Ruger takes its .380 ACP pistol to a new level with street-ready CCW upgrades!

Constructed from heat-treated, blued steel, with a follower, a lock plate and baseplate molded from a proprietary Zytel-based polymer, this gives you 10 rounds on the reload rather than six, and the ProMag is still small enough to comfortably carry in a pocket. Retail price is just \$28. As an even higher-capacity option, the same style of magazine is available for 15 rounds and priced at \$31. If an LCP is your basic personal carry gun, an extra increased-capacity magazine for the reload is a good move.

Range Report

To test the latest LCP I selected two Sig Sauer loads, Elite Performance V-Crown 90-grain JHP and Elite Performance 100-grain FMJ, along with Federal Premium's 99-grain HST JHP. The LCP Custom shot just above point of aim with its new sights, making this gun significantly faster to get on target. The heavy trigger keeps your grip firm, and the recoil with all three loads was fairly snappy, which isn't unexpected with a 9.75-ounce handgun.

All three brands of ammo clocked in well over 800 fps from the short, 2.75-inch barrel, with Federal Premium's new HST clearing the traps at an average of 886 fps, Sig Sauer JHP just a hair behind at 882 fps and the Sig Elite Performance FMJ traveling at an average of 825 fps. Shooting from a distance of 7 yards, the tightest five-round group was shot with Sig Sauer JHP at 1.375 inches. Sig's FMJ load distributed five rounds at 1.92

The Ruger LCP Custom is instantly recognizable by its bright red trigger, polished blued slide and new sights. All three features greatly improve the .380 ACP semi-auto for a mere \$30 more than the standard LCP.

FAR LEFT: The LCP Custom produced a 1.37-inch group at 7 yards with Sig Sauer's 90-grain V-Crown JHPs.



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SPECIFICATIONS

RUGER LCP CUSTOM

CALIBER:	.380 ACP
BARREL:	2.75 inches
OA LENGTH:	5.2 inches
WEIGHT:	9.75 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Glass-filled nylon
SIGHTS:	Photoluminescent front dot, adjustable rear
ACTION:	DAO
FINISH:	Blued
CAPACITY:	6+1
MSRP:	\$419



PERFORMANCE

LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
Federal Premium 99 HST JHP	886	2.00
Sig Elite Performance 100 FMJ	825	1.92
Sig Elite Performance V-Crown 90 JHP	882	1.37

*Bullet weight measured in grains,
velocity in fps by chronograph and
accuracy in inches for best five-shot
groups at 7 yards.*

inches, while Federal HST landed five at 2 inches with a pair overlapping and its best three grouping into 0.687 inches.

Final Shots

The LCP needs no further praise than it has received over the last seven years; the sales speak for themselves. The new LCP Custom model ups the ante with features that have only been available from custom tuners. With the new polished steel slide, stainless steel guide rod, skeletonized aluminum alloy trigger and photoluminescent sights, the LCP Custom offers a significant number of upgrades for only \$30 more than the standard model! The LCP remains one of the best options today for a concealed-carry semi-auto, and with its new custom enhancements and \$419 price tag, this gun has never been better.

PP

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What the heck is going on?

We were determined to figure out why so much survival food has been disappearing... and where it was going. So we did some digging around on our own and it paid off.

Wait until you see what we found out. It caught us totally by surprise because it involves a well-known agency that is responsible for aiding Americans in times of crisis. The possibility that they could have something to do with a potential survival food shortage made no sense to us ... unless they knew something we didn't. We were determined to discover the truth for ourselves – and for you.

Now, it was impossible to say precisely what these people were up to, but we knew they must be planning for something really big – something really out of the ordinary.

We don't know about you, but any time outsiders start prying into the affairs of private businesses like ours, we can't help but get concerned – and frankly, we are. After all, here's an agency we never heard from before suddenly asking questions about foods intended solely for emergency use in a disaster. Certainly makes you think, doesn't it?

It gets even better - we have the proof in writing!

Just as we were beginning our investigation, our warehouse manager was shocked to receive a request from an official of that very same agency.

They wanted to know:

- ▶ How much survival food did we have on hand?
- ▶ Where is inventory kept?
- ▶ How quickly can we produce more?
- ▶ Just how fast could they get their hands on it?

Know what we heard? Nothing.

It's like talking to a wall. But we're going to keep the pressure on until we get some believable information. The truth is, revealing a plot like this could land us in some serious hot water. There's a reason they're not going public with any details. But we are absolutely convinced they are up to something. And we think you and every other American deserves an explanation.

Listen, we all know most people will be woefully unprepared when disaster strikes. The smart among us prefer to take steps to ensure that in a crisis, we won't be relying on someone else to take care of our families. That's our job.

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STEALTH NINE



Introduced officially in April of 2015, the Glock 43 has already proven itself to be a winner.

But why did this particular pistol garner so much interest when there were already several subcompact, single-stack, 9mm pocket pistols on the market? A part of it was Glock brand loyalty. But there are a number of attributes built into this subcompact Glock itself that have made it wildly popular. While similar in design to the even smaller Glock 42, the G43 is distinctly smaller and lighter than what was formerly the smallest Glock in 9mm, the hugely popular 11-shot Glock 26. They are two distinctly different pistols, each of which has a place in the world of concealed carry.

The extreme slimness of the G43 provides exquisite comfort in inside-the-waistband (IWB) carry. My favorite such

holster so far is from Yeti-Tac, which offered secure all-day carry and a fast draw. What I particularly liked about the pistol was the G43's trigger reach, which is distinctly shorter than that of the standard Glock but longer than that of the G42. A double-action revolver shooter from way back, this writer gets the best trigger control with the distal joint of his index finger, and the G43 is absolutely perfect for that. For very small hands, the G43 should center the pad of the trigger finger exactly across the face of its trigger, which many experts consider the "sweet spot."

An important feature of the G43 is its short grip frame. This is what limits it to a six-round magazine if you want minimum size, though larger-capacity magazines are already available. It was the short butt achieved through the six-round magazine that allowed the G43's grip frame to be as compact as it is, which

means it actually fits well in most pocket holsters. Even more important, once a hand is on the gun and it has to be maneuvered up and out of that pocket, the shorter butt makes the G43 faster to bring into action from that location.

Full-Power Subcompact

From a benchrest at 25 yards, I was able to get five-shot groups as tight as 2.1 inches with the G43. While running a shooting class in Arkansas with the G43 as my teaching gun, I was able to shoot a "pace-setter" on the last day's qualification with it that delivered a perfect score—300 out of 300. Well into a four-figure round count now, my test Glock 43 has proven quite reliable. Muzzle jump is a little bit more than some other subcompact 9mms, but in running plate racks with multiple shooters and several similar guns, all of them shot the G43 better

BABY GLOCK BACKUPS

Glock 30S



Aside from the G43, Glock makes "hideout size" subcompact pistols on three other frame sizes. One is the Glock 42, the smallest of the Glocks, which offers a 6+1 cartridge capacity in .380 ACP. Geared for carry in a pocket holster or other extremely discreet concealment, it is the perhaps the most "shootable" .380 ACP of its size.

We should also look at more powerful Glocks that still lend themselves to deep concealment. Consider the Glock 27, chambered for the .40 S&W round and holding nine rounds in the magazine and

a tenth in the chamber. It's about the weight of a five-shot .357 Magnum snub-nose revolver but holds literally twice as many cartridges.

In a similarly sized package you can get 10 rounds of .357 SIG in a Glock 33. My Glock 33 has chronographed an average of 1,340 fps with Remington 125-grain Golden Saber bullets, more than I ever got from a 2-inch-barreled .357 Magnum revolver with the same bullet weight. In 9mm, you can get the hugely popular and easy-to-shoot Glock 26.



Glock's single-stack G43 raises the bar for ultra-covert 9mm firepower!

BY MASSAD AYOOB

than the other similar pistols, muzzle rise notwithstanding. I consider that positive feedback favoring the G43.

In the months since the G43's introduction, I've talked with the lead firearms instructors of two police departments—one state, one municipal—who have adopted the Glock 43 as a backup gun for their armed personnel. The city police department had previously found that the .380-caliber Glock 42 pistol was the most popular of the backup Glocks they had made available to their cops, but they wanted the greater power of the 9mm in a barely larger package. For more information, visit us.glock.com or call 770-432-1202. **PP**

Finally, there is the superb Glock 30S, a slim-slide, short-butt .45 ACP that holds 10+1 rounds. Shortly before the 30S was introduced, I won the Custom Defensive Pistol division (.45 automatics) at an IDPA match against many shooters, some of them Masters using tricked-out, full-sized 1911 target pistols, with my prototype out-of-the-box Glock 30S. It's more "shootable" for its power level than its compact size and weight would lead you to believe.

SPECIFICATIONS

GLOCK 43

CALIBER:	9mm
BARREL:	3.39 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.26 inches
WEIGHT:	17.95 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Fixed
ACTION:	Safe Action
FINISH:	Matte black
CAPACITY:	6+1
MSRP:	\$580

PERFECT YOUR POCKET DRAW



Get your pocket-bound firepower into the fight when seconds count!

BY MICHAEL JANICH

In life, there are trade-offs to everything. Every choice we make typically has an upside and a less desirable downside. When it comes to carrying a personal-defense pistol in your pocket, the pluses include simplicity, convenience and the ability to carry concealed without the need of a cover garment. Unfortunately, with all those advantages comes a harsh reality: Drawing a pistol from a pocket swiftly and positively while under duress is not easy. To maximize your chances of success, let's take a hard look at the process and do some fine tuning.

Pocket pistols are generally close-range weapons. Although competent shooters can do amazing things with them at extended distances, real self-defense should focus on the probabilities, not the exceptions. And if you are being attacked at close range, a good rule of thumb is to keep your guard up. If you train to always lower both hands when you draw (one to the gun and the other indexed on your torso), you are purposely training to leave your head and neck vulnerable. Instead,

Starting from a natural ready stance, the pocket pistol draw begins by protecting your head and neck with your non-gun arm and positioning the gun hand above the pocket. As your gun hand enters the pocket, the thumb is slightly flagged and the fingers are extended and held together. Once inside the pocket, the hand is turned counterclockwise to open the pocket mouth and index the web of the hand on the grip.

After achieving a solid grip, lift the gun straight up and snag the front edge of the holster on the pocket mouth to clear it off the gun. Orient the muzzle forward and prepare to fire or transition to an extended position.

it makes more sense to use your non-weapon hand to protect these vital targets by establishing a guard. The habit of doing something useful with the off-hand also integrates well with contact-distance shooting tactics that involve physically controlling an attacker while you draw and shoot. However, to do all that, you need to accept and embrace a very important truth: Your drawstroke must be an independent action of the gun hand only—with no “help” from the support hand.

Get A Grip

With belt-carried guns, the slowest part of the draw is typically getting the

hand to the gun. Once it's there, achieving a proper pre-draw grip and executing the draw happen pretty quickly. With a pocket-carried pistol, however, the slowest and most difficult part of the process is getting your hand into the pocket and achieving a sound pre-draw grip.

Getting a grip on a pocket pistol involves extending your fingers as a tight group so they fit into the pocket and then opening them enough to expand the mouth of the pocket so you can wrap them around the gun's grip. If you go too fast or your timing is off, your fingers slide between the gun and the body side of your pocket and you have no grip.





“ With a pocket-carried pistol... the slowest and most difficult part of the process is getting your hand into the pocket and achieving a sound pre-draw grip. ”

After lots of trial and error, I discovered a method that helps prevent this and makes getting a solid grip much easier. When you reach into your pocket, angle your hand toward your ulna (the pinky-finger side of your forearm) and flag your thumb slightly so the thumb and fingers enter the pocket at the same time. As soon as they're in the mouth of the pocket, turn your hand around the axis of your forearm (for right handers, counterclockwise). This turn causes the thumb and fingers to spread the pocket mouth and aligns the web of the thumb with the backstrap of the pistol. Now, simply drive straight down and

achieve a normal grip with a straight trigger finger. You are now ready to draw.

Free And Clear

Assuming that you're carrying your pocket pistol in a quality pocket holster as you should, your draw angle as you clear the pocket will depend a lot on the style of holster you choose. If it's the "grippy" kind with the rubberized exterior, you can draw straight up and the holster should stay with the pocket as the gun clears.


If you have a holster with a pocket hook at the rear, your draw angle should err toward the back of your pocket to snag the pocket mouth with the hook as the

gun clears. This is often easier said than done, though, since your hand is leading the way and may block the hook.

My preferred pocket holster, a Mitch Rosen suede-side-out leather holster, has a small hook on the front edge. By drawing straight up and dragging along the front portion of the pocket mouth, I can reliably get it to snag and remain in the pocket.

No matter which method you use, after the gun clears the pocket, raise it to your ribs, drop your elbow and orient the muzzle forward in a solid weapon-retention position. As the situation allows, proceed from there to other shooting positions. Train hard, stay safe. **PP**





The Swiss have long been known for the quality of their watches, chocolates, machine tools and firearms. I recently had the opportunity to try out a pistol that was, to use the well-known expression, “built like a Swiss watch,” the Sphinx SDP Compact.

Sphinx Systems is a Swiss manufacturer of high-quality military, police and sporting firearms. In the 1980s the company introduced a pair of pistols based upon the Czech CZ 75 design: the ITM AT-84 and ITM AT-88. Since then it has expanded its line and today its pistols are used by municipal police departments and elite law enforcement agencies in Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Singapore and Malaysia. They have also become favorites of European sport shooters and feature prominently in continental International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) matches.

Sphinx advertises the SDP Compact as a general-purpose police/military sidearm suitable for both holster wear by uniformed personnel or concealed carry by undercover operatives. Obviously, it would be quite well suited for licensed civilian use as well.

The SDP Compacts’ construction can best be described as a hybrid composite of today’s best ideas. When viewed from the muzzle end, the machined steel slide has a pyramidal contour with a black PVD finish that provides good resistance against wear and environmental extremes. Sharply cut grasping grooves fore and aft enable the shooter to rack the slide from a variety of positions, even when wearing gloves. A generously sized ejection port ensures that spent cases get out of the way reliably, and the rear sight is dovetailed into the slide and can be adjusted for windage.

The sights fitted to the SDP Compact pistols are first rate: A generous, plain black, square-notch rear is mated to a square blade front that is adorned with a white dot. This setup provides fast alignment and a precise sight picture without the shooter unconsciously attempting to

line up three dots. Adjustable, fiber-optic and night sights are offered as optional equipment.

The hardcoat anodized, aircraft-grade aluminum upper frame uses Teflon inserts to reduce wear on the internal slide rails. A feature typical of a number of Swiss pistols since the 1930s, the SDP Compact’s slide fits inside the frame, where full-length frame/slide rails provide smooth operation, support and consistent lockup, all for enhanced accuracy. In addition, a captive recoil spring on a full-length guide rod helps ensure reliable functioning.

Ambidextrous levers grace both sides of the upper frame but do not function as safeties, and only serve to lower the hammer safely to the half-cock position before automatically moving back into position. This allows the shooter to carry the pistol safely with a round in the chamber. With typical Swiss thoroughness, additional safety is provided via a loaded-chamber indicator, an internal firing pin safety, a drop safety and a magazine disconnect safety that prevents the pistol from firing unless the slide is in battery. For those who want to mount lights, lasers or other



Becky Scarlata photo

ALPHA PROTECTOR

KRISS USA's Swiss-made Sphinx SDP delivers 9mm force for 24/7 defense!

BY PAUL SCARLATA

tactical devices, the SDP Compact has an integral Picatinny rail built into the frame for just this purpose.

A roomy triggerguard allows firing the pistol with gloves and features the typical curved European-style finger rest. The polymer lower frame incorporates an interchangeable rubber grip system to accommodate different hand sizes, while the frontstrap is textured and has modest finger grooves. A high grip tang places the pistol very low in the hand, allowing it to point very naturally. This also reduces muzzle rise during recoil.

Controls consist of a slide stop, ambidextrous hammer-drop levers and a magazine release that can be switched to the right side to accommodate left-handed shooters. All are well located and can be manipulated without moving the pistol around in the shooting hand.

The flush-mounted hammer has a grooved top. If the shooter desires to set the pistol for SA, all he or she needs to do is pull the trigger to start the hammer back to the half-cock position and then remove their finger from the trigger and cock the hammer manually.

Steel, double-stack magazines hold 15 rounds of 9mm ammunition and have tough polymer basepads to prevent damage when they are dropped on the ground during combat reloads. A magazine loading tool comes with the pistol to ease the task of recharging the cartridge containers.

Alpha On The Range

The SDP is imported into the U.S. by KRISS USA of Chesapeake, Virginia, which offers six variations: the Compact Black edition and Compact Alpha edition (these

two are identifiable by the former's straight cuts milled in the frontstrap while the latter has a textured polymer grip), the Krypton green line, the Black line, the Sand line, the DuoTone line and the Stainless Steel line. The Alpha features a PVD finish, while the finishes of the next four lines are indicated by their names.

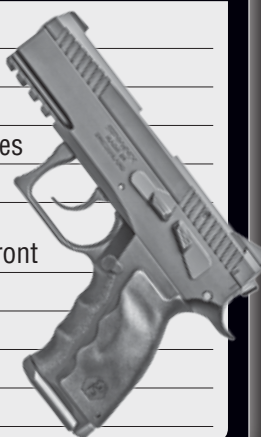
I tested the SDP Compact Alpha for accuracy by firing a series of five-shot groups from a rest at 15 yards. The first round sent downrange broke the edge of the red dot in the center of the 10-ring, while the next four followed it inside the confines of said circle. Of the nine groups I fired, none was larger than 3 inches, while several of them came in under the 2-inch mark.

I found the Sphinx SDP Compact Alpha to be a pleasure to shoot. The pistol's ergonomics were first-rate while the excellent sights and above-average recoil control allowed me to make fast, accurate follow-up shots. While a bit large for a "pocket pistol," the SDP Compact Alpha provides everything you might need in a concealable handgun, and then some. For more information, visit sphinxarms.com or call 855-574-7787.

SPECIFICATIONS

KRISS/SPHINX SDP COMPACT ALPHA

CALIBER:	9mm
BARREL:	3.7 inches
OA LENGTH:	7.4 inches
WEIGHT:	28.18 ounces
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Notch rear, white-dot front
ACTION:	DA/SA
FINISH:	PVD
CAPACITY:	15+1
MSRP:	\$1,295



SCCY MARSHALS

SCCY Firearms' CPX series delivers no-nonsense, affordable 9mm defense!

BY JORGE AMSELLE



The demand for concealable pocket pistols has never been greater, and the available options for the American shooter are seemingly endless. What is not endless, however, is your supply of money. And among the handguns that offer both high quality and affordability, one company stands out: SCCY Firearms.

SCCY's CPX-1 and CPX-2 models are compact, semi-automatic, polymer-framed, double-action-only (DAO) pistols chambered in 9mm with 10+1 capacities. The main difference between the two models is that the original CPX-1 features an ambidextrous, frame-mounted thumb safety.

The SCCY CPX-2 I tested featured a machined stainless steel slide and barrel, which can be had with a natural brushed finish or in satin black nitride for additional

corrosion resistance. The nitride treatment also adds a natural lubricity to the metal. The fit and finish on the slide machining are excellent, and it has also been shaped to reduce weight and size as well as improve comfort during CCW carry. The front of the slide is angled inwards to narrow it and aid in holstering. To improve reliability, SCCY also lowered the right and left sides of the ejection port. This ensures that empty cases are ejected fully to avoid any malfunctions.

9mm Backup

On some pocket pistols, the slide serrations seem like little more than an afterthought, but that's not so on the CPX-2. The high-quality machining here provides wide and deep slide serrations with a slight curvature and forward angle.

I found these easy to grasp and the slide easy to operate even when shooting in hot weather with sweaty hands. On the right side of the slide is a steel extractor, which also acts as the pistol's loaded-chamber indicator by popping up when there is a cartridge case in the chamber. This provides both visual and tactile confirmation.

Another nice feature that sometimes is lacking in the pocket pistol category is large, easy-to-see, three-dot sights. This is something that you start to appreciate more and more when you're past a certain age. The CPX-2's 3.1-inch barrel is well machined, and the chamber area matches the lines of the slide perfectly.

A lot of thought and design elements went into the CPX's grip frame as well. The Zytel polymer material is attractive and strong, as well as obviously scratch-



SCCY's reliable CPX pistols are budget-friendly defenders packing 10+1 rounds of 9mm firepower in an easy-to-conceal design.

Steve Woods photo

resistant and corrosion-proof, which is a nice feature on a carry gun. The front of the grip has ergonomic finger grooves for a better hold while the sides and back are tastefully stippled. The back-strap also features a set of small holes that act as a recoil-absorption device.

One of the advantages of using a polymer frame is that color changes can be accomplished fairly easily. Care, however, must be taken during this process because the different colors can actually affect the strength of the polymer, so finding the right mix is important. This is a process that SCCY Firearms has mastered, and the company now offers its pistols with frames in black, dark earth, pink and purple.

Housing a double-stack magazine, the CPX-2's grip fills the hand nicely

for a secure hold while remaining at only 1 inch in width. The triggerguard is also well sized for ease of use in all conditions, and the dust cover remains smooth with no accessory rail, as befits a true pocket pistol, although aftermarket laser systems are available. The controls are all set for right-handed use and made from the same polymer material as the frame. I found the slide lock/slide release as well as the magazine release to be fully functional and easy to operate.

Compact Protector

The CPX-2's DAO trigger is smooth with a clean break. It does have a long reset, which requires the shooter to allow it to return almost fully to the front. I did not find this objectionable in the least. The weight of the trigger on the gun

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I tested was a comfortable 8 pounds, which is quite good for a hammer-fired DAO pistol. The hammer is shrouded by the slide but visible from the rear, and it allows for a second-strike capability.

Internally, the CPX-2 features a 7075-T6 aircraft-grade aluminum receiver that

operates the firing mechanism. The inertial firing pin acts as a drop safety to help prevent the weapon from firing if dropped. The one-piece steel guide rod uses a captive double spring system for reliability and ease of disassembly. Disassembly itself is a simple affair that involves locking the slide to the rear, removing the magazine and then removing the disassembly pin.

Any pistol that is intended for self-defense use needs to go through a thorough break-in period to ensure reliable functioning with your defensive ammunition of choice. After a short 100-round break-in, the CPX-2 I tested had no malfunctions despite using a mix of range and defensive ammunition. SCCY does warn that steel- and aluminum-cased ammunition should be avoided and recommends very limited use of +P ammunition.

Solid Performers

Accuracy at 15 yards was good, with average group size just under 4 inches. I found that at this distance the sights were set for the 6 o'clock position. Recoil was very man-

SPECIFICATIONS

SCCY FIREARMS CPX-1/CPX-2

CALIBER:	9mm
BARREL:	3.1 inches
OA LENGTH:	5.7 inches
WEIGHT:	15 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Three-dot
ACTION:	DAO
FINISH:	Matte black, dark earth, pink, purple, two-tone
CAPACITY:	10+1
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ageable, even when shooting from a benchrest, and the grip design did a good job of absorbing what recoil remained.

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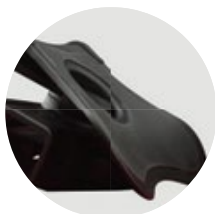
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DESERT EAGLE DEFENDERS



BY JORGE AMSELLE Magnum Research's Baby Desert Eagle IIIs deliver compact yet capable firepower for everyday carry!



Just the name of Desert Eagle immediately brings up images of one of the most famous movie guns in recent history.

Any time a director needed to make a big impression it was with one of these huge, gas-operated, rotating-bolt pistols that handle everything from the .357 Magnum to .50 AE cartridges. While the Baby Desert Eagle is an altogether different

animal, it too seeks to make a big impression with shooters, albeit in a much smaller package.

The original Desert Eagle was developed by Magnum Research Inc. and manufactured in Israel by Israel Weapon Industries. They proved to be capable and popular. The latest version of this rugged and reliable pistol is the new Baby Desert Eagle III.

The new Baby Desert Eagle is available in several variants, but the one that may appeal to most who carry concealed is the semi-compact model. The Baby Desert Eagle III is based on the much-copied, tried and tested CZ 75 design, which places the slide rails inside the frame. Many considered the CZ 75



Magnum Research is now offering Semi-Compact versions of its Baby Desert Eagle III pistols with polymer (left) and steel (far left) frames.

“ The polymer-framed Baby Desert Eagle III is almost 10 ounces lighter than its steel-framed counterpart, something to be appreciated during concealed carry. ”

at the time of its introduction to be the greatest double-column-magazine 9mm pistol in the world. With the slide riding inside the frame, there is a very tight fit between the two, which contributes to its impressive accuracy.

Compact Powerhouse

This is a traditional double-action/single-action (DA/SA), short-recoil-operated, semi-auto pistol that offers superior reliability and an easy second-strike capability. The 3.85-inch barrel on the semi-compact version features match-grade precision rifling for improved accuracy. The key difference between the

full-sized model and the semi-compact is the shorter length of the barrel and slide.

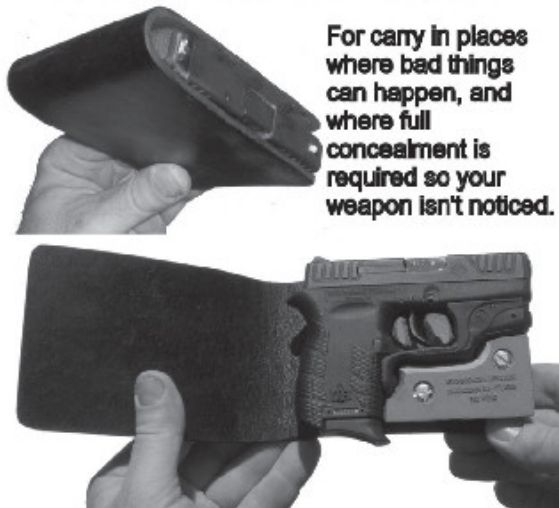
The grip remains the same, which allows for all Baby Desert Eagle III magazines of the same caliber to be fully interchangeable across the entire line. Capacity in 9mm is an appealing 16 rounds, while in .40 S&W it is 13 rounds and in .45 ACP (steel version only) it is 10 rounds.

The high-quality carbon-steel slide has been trimmed down on the sides to give the pistol the more angular look of the original Desert Eagle. This also has the added benefit of reducing the pistol's weight and creating a thinner

profile. The effect is significantly more pronounced on the polymer-framed version, which has itself been given a matching angular design. From the front, the look is almost triangular.

The slide also features a matte black oxide finish, Novak-style three-dot sights and an ambidextrous decocker/safety lever with a teardrop shape for ease of use. This allows the operator to safely lower the Commander-style hammer from the single-action to the double-action position while also engaging the hammer-block safety mechanism. The pistol also features an internal firing pin safety mechanism. The trigger itself has also been redesigned

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for a smoother and more comfortable pull, which has been set at 12 pounds for double action and a crisp 4 pounds in single action.

The polymer-framed Baby Desert Eagle III is almost 10 ounces lighter than its steel-framed counterpart, something to be appreciated during concealed carry. The polymer-framed pistol features ergonomic, grooved finger grips for an improved hold even in inclement conditions and a high beavertail to avoid "hammer bite." The grip frame has been slimmed down for a narrower profile that makes the pistol easier to conceal and easier to use by those with smaller hands.

At the front of the frame there is a length of Picatinny rail at the dust cover for conveniently and easily mounting accessories such as tactical lights or lasers. The enlarged triggerguard has also been squared off at the front and features forward checkering. The slide stop/slide release is well placed, large and easy to use, and the magazine release is reversible for right- or left-handed operators.

CCW Threat-Stopppers

All Baby Desert Eagle III pistols ship with two steel magazines, and the pistol itself is available in several variants. The steel-framed pistols are the only ones currently being offered in .45 ACP. The steel-framed pistols do weigh considerably more but have a thinner profile overall. They also have a lower overall height than the polymer variants. Essentially, the thinnest and most compact Baby Desert Eagle III is the steel-framed

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SPECIFICATIONS

BABY DESERT EAGLE III SEMI-COMPACT POLYMER

CALIBER: 9mm, .40 S&W

BARREL: 3.85 inches

OA LENGTH: 7.82 inches

WEIGHT: 26.3 ounces (9mm),
25 ounces (.40)

GRIPS: Polymer

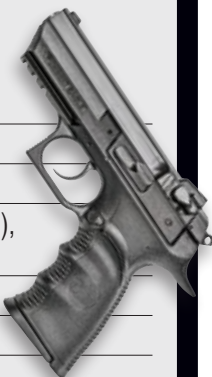
SIGHTS: Three-dot

ACTION: DA/SA

FINISH: Matte black

CAPACITY: 16+1 (9mm), 13+1 (.40)

MSRP: \$646



BABY DESERT EAGLE III SEMI-COMPACT STEEL

CALIBER: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP

BARREL: 3.85 inches

OA LENGTH: 7.5 inches

WEIGHT: 35 ounces (9mm, .40);
34.2 ounces (.45)

GRIPS: Polymer

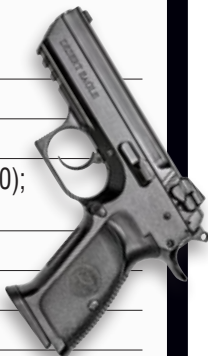
SIGHTS: Three-Dot

ACTION: DA/SA

FINISH: Matte black

CAPACITY: 16+1 (9mm),
13+1 (.40), 10+1 (.45)

MSRP: \$691



semi-compact model, but it does weigh almost 10 ounces more than the polymer-framed version.

The full-sized pistols have longer barrels and overall lengths measuring 4.43 inches and 8.375 inches, respectively. This does provide a longer sight radius with improved potential for accuracy as well as higher velocities for fired bullets. The semi-compact versions have 3.85-inch barrels and 7.825-inch overall lengths. The weight difference between the full-sized steel model and the semi-compact polymer-framed version are not insignificant, weighing 37.9 ounces and 26.3 ounces respectively.

The Magnum Research Baby Desert Eagle III is being produced by BUL LTD in Israel, well known for its line of 1911 pistols. The Baby Desert Eagle III pistols are lighter and feature improved fit and finish over earlier models. For more information, visit magnumresearch.com or call 508-635-4273.

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READERS familiar with my writing already know that I'm a revolver man. I cut my handgun-shooting teeth on double-action (DA) revolvers, and, while I own, carry and compete with a wide variety of semi-auto pistols, when it comes right down to the nitty gritty, I prefer a handgun that rotates rather than reciprocates. And one of the neatest little roundguns I've seen in quite a while is the Taurus M380IBULSS, or M380. As you may have already deduced from its name, the revolver is chambered for the short .380 ACP autopistol cartridge.

Stealthy Wheelgun

The M380 is built on a shortened version of Taurus' M85 small revolver frame, in this case the Ultra-Lite series' aluminum alloy frames. The M85 has been in production for decades and revolvers based upon it have sold in the tens of thousands (maybe even hundreds of thousands) around the world.

The stainless steel cylinder is locked into the frame by a spring-loaded center pin passing through and projecting out past the rear of the ejector rod, where it enters a recess in the recoil plate. This holds the cylinder in place while a

spring-loaded stud on top of the cylinder crane engages a mortise in the frame.

To open the cylinder, a thumb latch on the left side of the frame is pushed forward, which in turn forces the center pin out of its locking recess, allowing the cylinder to be swung out to the left.

SPECIFICATIONS

TAURUS M380IBULSS

CALIBER:	.380 ACP
BARREL:	1.75 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.25 inches
WEIGHT:	15.5 ounces
GRIPS:	Rubber
SIGHTS:	Fixed
ACTION:	DAO
FINISH:	Brushed frame, stainless cylinder
CAPACITY:	5
MSRP:	\$465



PERFORMANCE

LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
Black Hills 100 FMJ	729	1.60
Hornady 90 FTX	821	2.30
Remington 102	813	2.00
Golden Saber		

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for five-shot groups at 10 yards.

Pushing in the ejector rod then forces out a star-shaped extractor that extracts all the cartridge cases simultaneously.

Like all Taurus roundguns, the M380 has a transfer-bar ignition system. When the trigger is pulled through a complete stroke, a flat bar raises in front of the firing pin, which the hammer strikes when it falls, driving the frame-mounted firing pin forward to ignite the cartridge. At all other times the hammer rests on the frame where it cannot impact the firing pin.

Another standard feature is Taurus' Security System, which allows the shooter to lock the hammer and trigger to prevent unauthorized firing. You simply insert a key (two are provided) into the lock located on the rear of the hammer and rotate it clockwise until it clicks. To unlock, simply insert the key and rotate counter-clockwise.

Because the .380 ACP is a rimless cartridge, Taurus supplies a number of full moon clips with each revolver. These are flat pieces of spring steel that have semi-circular cutouts into which five .380 ACP rounds can be snapped so that the rimless round can be fired and ejected by the revolver's extractor. They also pre-



Becky Scarlata Photo

The M380 is a lightweight, ultra-concealable snubie chambered for the .380 ACP. Note the spurless hammer, textured rubber grips and shrouded ejector rod.

front, while the rear is a square notch that projects above the topstrap that can be adjusted for windage.

vent stray rounds from falling under the extractor, effectively jamming up the revolver.

Range Report

Upon opening the box for my test gun, I found a demure-looking revolver whose alloy frame and steel cylinder boasted an attractive bead-blasted finish. As befits a revolver designed for close-range personal protection, the M380 has a spurless hammer and double-action-only (DAO) lock work. The latter feature is eminently practical while the former allows it to be drawn from concealment without snagging on clothing.

The 1.75-inch barrel has a full-length underlug that adds a bit of recoil-dampening weight up front while protecting the ejector rod from damage. Sighting equipment consists of a high serrated blade up

Combined, they provide a clear, sharp sight picture, although I feel that a colored insert or fiber-optic rod in the front blade would be a marked improvement.

Considering the M380's short barrel (and thus sight radius) and DAO trigger, I felt that limiting my accuracy testing to 10 yards would be a most practical decision. It took considerable nursing of the trigger, but I was able to produce groups running from 1.6 to 3 inches in size, which I felt were more than adequate for this class of handgun. The little Taurus showed a slight preference for the Black Hills 100-grain FMJ loads.

To see how the M380 would perform in its true role in life, I ran it through a series of off-hand drills at 5 and 7 yards. Once again the heavy DAO trigger required nursing along, especially at the farther distance, but by the time I

was done the center of the target had many holes in just the right places.

Loading and unloading with the full moon clips was fast and fumble free. Out of curiosity, I fired 15 rounds without the clips and did not experience a single misfire, although the empty cases had to be poked out with a pencil from my shooting box. Recoil was extremely controllable even with the heavy Remington 102-grain Golden Sabers.

In conclusion, I found the M380 Taurus to be a nice-handling, good-shooting little revolver that would be quite suitable for concealed carry or home defense. For more information, visit taurususa.com or call 800-327-3776.

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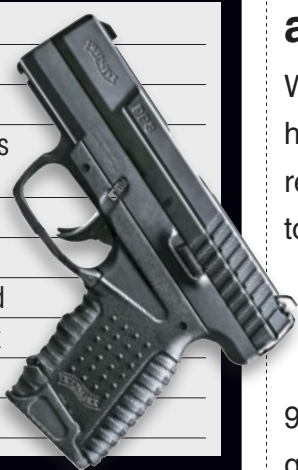
BY RICHARD JOHNSON



SPECIFICATIONS

WALTHER PPS

CALIBER:	9mm
BARREL:	3.2 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.3 inches
WEIGHT:	20.8 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Three-dot
ACTION:	Striker-fired
FINISH:	Matte black
CAPACITY:	6+1
MSRP:	\$599



PERFORMANCE

LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
Hornady Critical Duty 135 +P	1,049	2.25
HPR 124 JHP	951	2.50
Team Never Quit 100 Frangible	1,262	1.25

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 7 yards.

Single-stack 9mm pistols have been around as long as the cartridge itself.

While the 1980s ushered in the era of the high-capacity “Wonder Nine” pistols, in recent times the focus has largely returned to the single-stack 9mm. This is because of a greater interest in personal protection and concealed carry. While other companies are introducing new compact 9mm pistols, Walther has been selling a great one for nearly a decade: the PPS.

The PPS, or Police Pistol Slim, is a polymer-framed, striker-fired handgun that is light, flat and easy to shoot. It's little wonder that a passionate group of devotees has formed around the Walther PPS, but is it possible that it has been eclipsed by newer designs? Not a chance.

Slim Is In

One of the most striking features of the gun is that it looks to be larger than some

other subcompact pistols, yet it is very thin and flat. What the shooter winds up with is a gun that he can wrap his whole hand around, but it's thin enough to conceal easily anywhere on the body. To help fit the gun to an individual's hand, the PPS comes with two differently sized backstraps. My gun arrived with the smaller of the two installed. For my medium-sized hands, I prefer the smaller of the two backstraps.

The PPS is fitted with low-profile, three-dot sights that are easy to use. The dots are a bright white that really stands out, and they seem larger than similar sights I've seen on other guns. The older I get, the more I appreciate big, bright sights. To help with sighting and target identification, Walther also equipped the PPS with a short accessory rail for the addition of a white light or laser.

Unlike the majority of modern pistols, the PPS does not use a push-button magazine release. Instead, it uses an ambidextrous lever that runs along the



While the 9mm Walther PPS offers a large grip for enhanced control, it remains thin enough to be concealed almost anywhere.

bottom of the triggerguard. Because of its shape, it is accessible from both the right and left sides of the pistol.

At The Range

It goes without saying that guns are meant to be shot, and how a gun performs on the range is extremely important. After all, an unreliable handgun is useless for self-defense, and the PPS is clearly designed for personal protection.

One of the things I try to do when testing a new gun is to run a wide variety of ammunition through it. If the gun is going to show signs of unreliability, I want to know about it as soon as possible. Consequently, I will frequently take eight or more different factory loads with me the first time I take a gun to the range. On this occasion, I took 13 different loads. The ammo covered a wide range of bullet weights, designs and manufacturers.

The Walther PPS was unquestionably reliable with every load I tried. I had

no malfunctions of any kind when shooting one- and two-handed. When I let a woman shooting next to me on the range try the PPS out, it ran equally well for her.

I discovered that the PPS was an even better shooter than I anticipated. The grip angle seemed perfect for me, allowing me to easily get the sights on target and absorb the modest muzzle flip easily.

The trigger was a little uneven in its pull out of the box, but was perfectly acceptable for a self-defense pistol. Prior to hitting the range, the trigger measured an average of 8.16 pounds on 10 pulls with my Lyman gauge. After about 50 to 100 rounds, the trigger smoothed out a bit but stayed around the 8-pound mark.

The gun was plenty accurate for self-defense work. Most loads ran unsupported five-shot groups in the 2-3-inch range, while a few did better. A new load for me was the 100-grain frangible load from Team Never Quit. Team Never Quit manufactures a variety of premium handgun and rifle loads with a portion of the proceeds going to the Lone Survivor Foundation to assist wounded military service members. This load turned in an impressive



4 MORE WALTHER DEFENDERS

In addition to the PPS, Walther makes a number of handguns suitable for concealed carry. The guns vary in caliber, size and configuration, so there is one that is bound to meet your needs. Let's take a look at some of the offerings.

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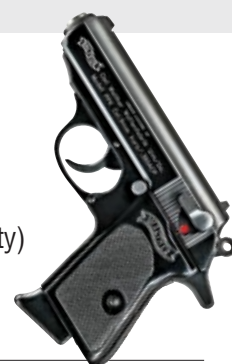
CALIBER: 9mm • **BARREL:** 3.54 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.41 inches • **WEIGHT:** 22.33 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer • **SIGHTS:** Three-dot • **ACTION:** Striker-fired
FINISH: Cerakote black • **CAPACITY:** 8+1 • **MSRP:** \$469



PPK

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .380 ACP • **BARREL:** 3.3 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.1 inches • **WEIGHT:** 22.1 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer • **SIGHTS:** Fixed • **ACTION:** DA/SA
FINISH: Blued • **CAPACITY:** 6+1 • **MSRP:** \$699



P99 AS Compact

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 9mm • **BARREL:** 3.5 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.6 inches • **WEIGHT:** 21.5 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer • **SIGHTS:** Three-dot • **ACTION:** Striker-fired
FINISH: Matte black • **CAPACITY:** 10+1 • **MSRP:** \$629



PK380

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .380 ACP • **BARREL:** 3.66 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.5 inches • **WEIGHT:** 18 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer • **SIGHTS:** Three-dot • **ACTION:** DA/SA
FINISH: Matte black • **CAPACITY:** 8+1 • **MSRP:** \$449



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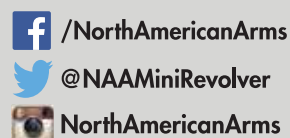
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As I expected, the PPS was easy to conceal and carried easily throughout the day. Working at the computer, walking and bending over were all comfortable and the holster kept the pistol in



The PPS proved to be very accurate across the board, with it showing a preference for the author's 100-grain Team Never Quit frangible ammunition.

place. Combined with the range performance, I was convinced that the PPS is an excellent tool for self-defense.

The PPS is an extremely good shooting pistol that was accurate and utterly reliable. Recoil is soft and putting rounds on target is very easy. Since the gun is so flat, it conceals well under a light shirt. With the standard magazine, a full grip on the gun is possible—something that generally is not possible with a sub-compact handgun. All in all, it is a great choice for deep-cover CCW carry. For more information, visit waltherarms.com or call 479-242-8500.

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captured dual recoil spring unit. Standard 1911 magazines are cut down to fit in the reduced frame and hold five rounds. What makes the Adventurer exceptional is its complete reliability. For those who want the ultimate pocket pistol, the Adventurer fills the bill.

Pocket Upgrades

C&S was one of the first companies to recognize the amazing potential of compact Kahr pistols. Three different packages are currently offered for Kahr's K and P series pistols in .380 ACP, 9mm, .40 and .45 ACP. The basic work includes a trigger job, a re-crowned barrel and a reliability package. Other options include beveling the edges of the slide and the installation of XS 24/7 Express sights with tritium inserts. The Level III package adds a full carry bevel, 30-lpi serrations on the top of the slide and a 360-degree stippled finish on the frame. Cylinder & Slide's work on Kahr

pistols has caught the eye of civilians and law enforcement alike, and accounts for a substantial amount of the shop's work.

For many years, most pistoleros considered the Smith & Wesson J-Frame the quintessential pocket gun. C&S offers a number of options for J-Frames, with the most popular being trigger work and a carry bevel. The Model 640 shown in the photos was carried in an ankle rig for several years and had the typical dents, dings and wear of a well-used law enforcement backup. C&S did a trigger job, radiused and polished the face of the trigger, and chamfered the cylinder holes for easier reloads. They then milled off the factory ramp and installed a dovetailed front sight blade with a gold bead insert. Finally, C&S gave the gun a heavy bead-blasted finish to cover up the serious wear marks and brightly polished the cylinder flutes, the band at the rear of the cylinder and the cylinder latch screw. The result is a great-looking revolver

self-defense encounter!

BY ROB GARRETT



“ For those who want the ultimate pocket pistol, the Adventurer fills the bill. ”

that reflects the skill of the C&S gunsmiths.

C&S has not ignored the Glock and offers several packages for all Glock models. Cylinder & Slide reworked a G26 that was my patrol backup for several years. The upgrades included a trigger job, frontstrap stippling and barrel recrowning. I also requested that the front of the triggerguard be rounded. The shop refinished the G26 in a two-tone Cerakote finish. I continued to carry the gun for several years.

Finally, while arguably not a true “pocket pistol,” I would be remiss in not highlighting Bill Laughridge’s 2008 Pocket Hammerless. Bill designed a .45 ACP pistol that reflects the lines of the Colt 1903 Pocket Hammerless. The Pocket Hammerless is a limited-production custom pistol that reflects Laughridge’s ingenuity, creativity and skill. Give it a look if you’re in the market for the ultimate carry .45. For more information, visit cylinder-slide.com or call 800-448-1713.

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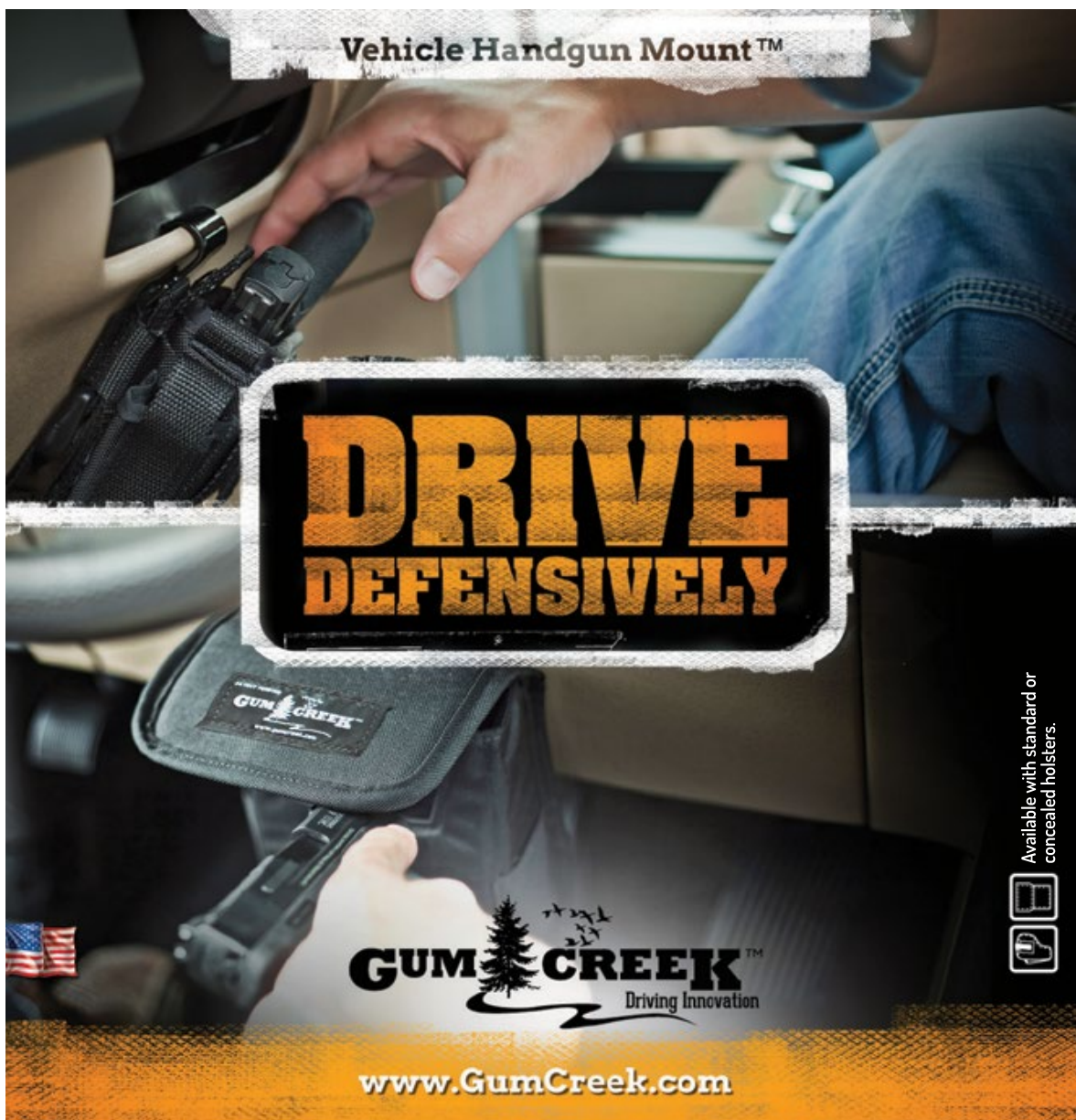


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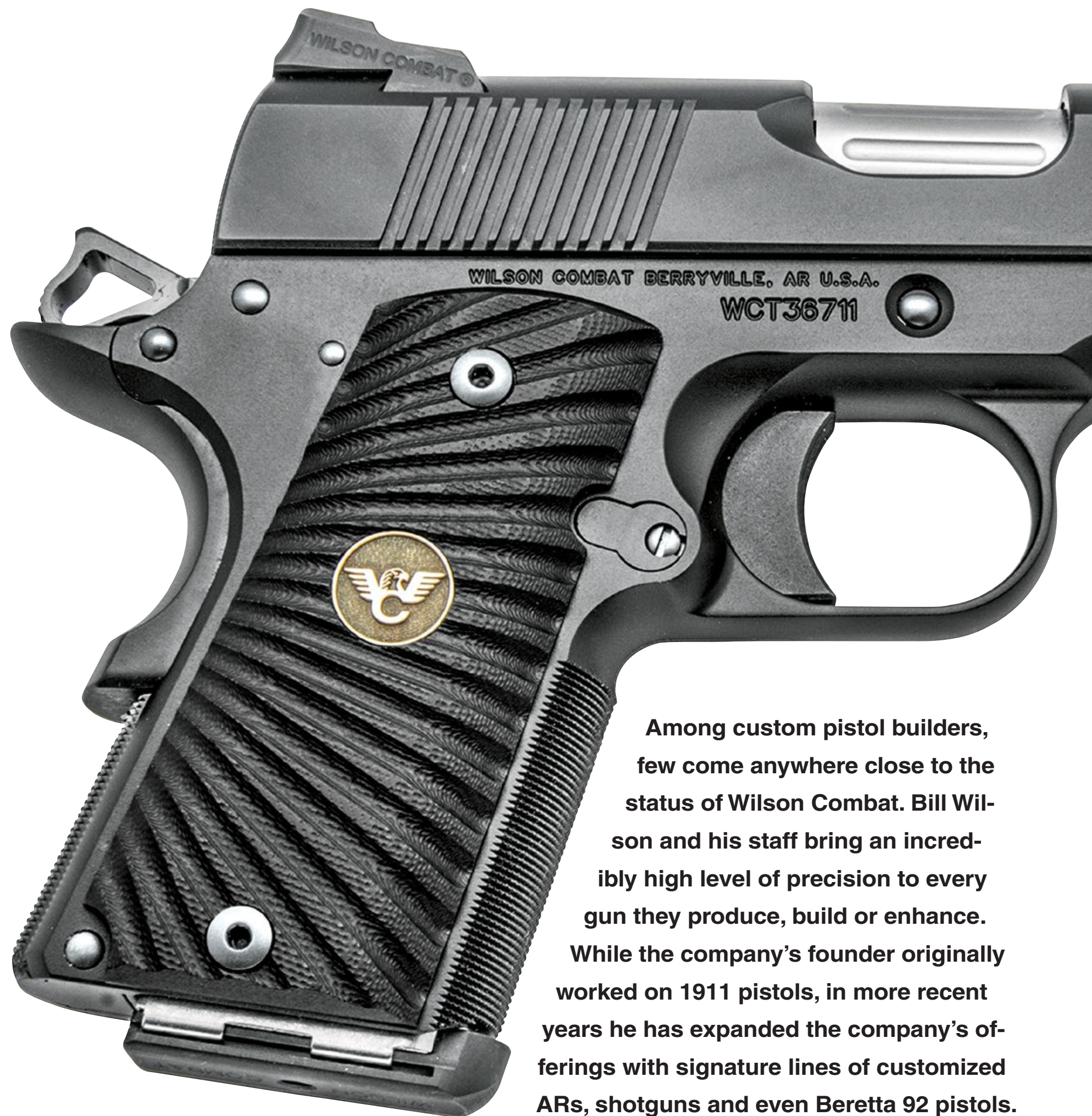
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SENTINELS



Among custom pistol builders, few come anywhere close to the status of Wilson Combat. Bill Wilson and his staff bring an incredibly high level of precision to every gun they produce, build or enhance. While the company's founder originally worked on 1911 pistols, in more recent years he has expanded the company's offerings with signature lines of customized ARs, shotguns and even Beretta 92 pistols.

OF DEFENSE



**Wilson Combat's
carry-ready 1911s
are ready to stand tall
in defense of
home and family!**

BY JORGE AMSELLE



Still, working on and producing various models of 1911 pistols is the company's main focus, and the concealed-carry market has not been ignored. Many people will not find carrying a full-sized 1911 concealed to be practical or even very convenient. For this, Wilson Combat has developed the Sentinel line, which compromises nothing in power or performance against any 1911 but manages to reduce the dimensions and weight to a truly compact level.

Ultralight Carry Sentinel

The Ultralight Carry Sentinel is chambered in the proven 9mm cartridge. Offering an 8+1 capacity, the pistol weighs just a tad over 25 ounces unloaded thanks to its aluminum frame. With an overall length of 7.2 inches, it is 1.5 inches shorter than a full-sized 1911. At only 4.8 inches in height, it is almost a full inch shorter than a standard 1911. The frontstrap features 30-line-per-inch, high-cut checkering that provides an excellent grip surface, especially when combined with the pistol's slim G10 Starburst grips, which feature fan-shaped cuts and the distinctive Wilson Combat medallion.

Wilson has also added its own machined Bullet Proof Beavertail Grip Safety and Bullet Proof Thumb Safety, which are designed specifically for comfort and speed in competition or concealed carry. The skeletonized hammer is similarly designed to improve concealment.

The 3.6-inch, stainless steel, heavy, match-grade barrel features a tapered cone shape that dispenses with the usual bushing. This adds some weight to the front of the pistol, helping to reduce recoil and muzzle flip. Every Wilson barrel is individually hand-fitted on each pistol; fluting appears along the barrel's length and on the outside of the chamber. This not only gives the pistol a very distinctive look but also helps trap dirt and fouling, keeping it out of the action and improving function in all conditions. The full-length steel guide rod with a reverse plug also adds weight to the front of the pistol, improving user comfort when firing.

The carbon steel slide features 30-lpi serrations on top and 40-lpi serrations at the rear to prevent glare. Wilson also added combat sights, which include a fiber-optic

**Wilson
Combat's
1911s come
with fiber-optic
front sights and
serrated slides to
reduce glare.**





front sight for maximum visibility and fast target acquisition, even in low-light situations. The contoured magazine well also aids in faster reloads, and the magazine release has been rounded and shortened for concealed carry. The single-stage trigger has been fine-tuned to provide a consistent 3.5 to 3.75 pounds of resistance and an extremely crisp break. Taken all together, it is not surprising that Wilson Combat offers the Ultralight Carry Sentinel with an iron-clad accuracy guarantee of 1.5 inches at 25 yards.

Super Sentinel

Another very interesting model in the Sentinel series is the Super Sentinel, so named because of its chambering in the high-velocity .38 Super cartridge. This cartridge is similar in dimensions to the 9mm, which allows for 8+1 capacity in a single-stack magazine, but it is also a bit longer. The main advantage is that the .38 Super offers performance that is unique to the cartridge. Think

**...the Ms. Sentinel
is chambered in
9mm to provide
a good defensive
load with
minimal recoil.**

of it as something along the lines of a long 9mm, offering enhanced performance and very impressive capabilities.

The Super Sentinel offers features similar to the Ultralight Carry Sentinel, including a light 25.2-ounce weight, G10

Starburst grips and a 3.6-inch, stainless steel, match-grade barrel.

Ms. Sentinel

Women make up one of the fastest-growing segments of the gun-owning population and are also a growing percentage of concealed-carry license holders. It is hardly a surprise that the discerning female shooter would want the best for her personal protection, and thus Wilson Combat developed the Ms. Sentinel.

In addition to possessing many features of the Sentinel line, the Ms. Sentinel is chambered in 9mm to provide a good defensive load with minimal recoil. It features a lightweight, subcompact aluminum frame with a round butt that helps prevent printing against clothing. The beavertail grip safety and Commander-style hammer have been modified for improved concealment. The magazine release has been shortened and rounded for more reliable operation, especially with off-body carry options such as in a purse or day planner.



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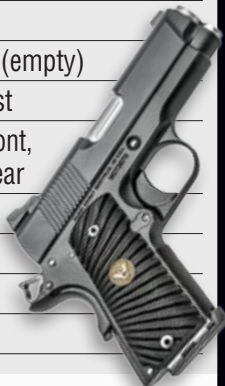
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SPECIFICATIONS

WILSON COMBAT ULC SENTINEL

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3.6 inches
OA LENGTH: 7.2 inches
WEIGHT: 25.2 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: G10 Starburst
SIGHTS: Fiber-optic front, Battlesight rear
ACTION: SA
FINISH: Armor-Tuff
CAPACITY: 8+1
MSRP: \$3,875



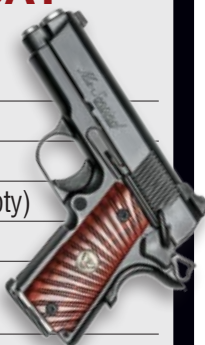
WILSON COMBAT SUPER SENTINEL

CALIBER: .38 Super
BARREL: 3.6 inches
OA LENGTH: 7.2 inches
WEIGHT: 25.2 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: G10 Starburst
SIGHTS: Fiber-optic front, Battlesight rear
ACTION: SA
FINISH: Armor-Tuff
CAPACITY: 8+1
MSRP: \$3,875



WILSON COMBAT MS. SENTINEL

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3.6 inches
OA LENGTH: 7.2 inches
WEIGHT: 26.8 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Cocobolo
SIGHTS: Fiber-optic front, Battlesight rear
ACTION: SA
FINISH: Armor-Tuff
CAPACITY: 8+1
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Carry cuts at the front of the short slide make re-holstering easier and allow for greater manipulation of the slide without the need for front slide serrations. The short trigger design is specifically intended for use by those with smaller hands. The countersunk slide stop ensures that the pistol stays in action with no unintentional pressure pushing the slide stop out, and it allows for the unobstructed use of grip lasers such as those from Crimson Trace. For more information, visit wilsoncombat.com or call 800-955-4856.

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A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA



**Bond Arms derringers give bad guys
two rounds to think about.**

BY KEVIN R. DAVIS



J.B. Books, the fictional gunfighter that the late, great John Wayne portrayed in his last movie, *The Shootist*, is riding across the plains when an armed highwayman attempts to rob him. “You hold it right there,” says the robber, “just throw me your wallet.”

Books reaches into his inside left coat pocket with his right hand, replying, “Yes sir!” Drawing a derringer with the wallet and tossing the wallet aside, he says, “A little something extra.” He fires one shot into the bad guy’s gut, ending the robbery attempt. A little something extra is what all armed citizens are comforted by when carrying concealed. And, when it comes to packing a lot of power into a little package, it is tough to beat a Bond Arms derringer.

Recently I had the chance to meet Bond Arms’ owner, Gordon Bond, and Amy, the Bond Arms Girl, at a media event.

My time there did not allow for a full gun test and evaluation, so I later contacted Gordon Bond, who sent me a few representative Bond Arms guns for a proper hands-on examination.

Fit and finish were well executed on all of the samples received. Grips are pleasing to the eye and properly fit the hand. Ergonomics are sound, with the ability to smoothly cock and fire. (It should be noted that the Bond Arms derringers are not designed or meant to be “cocked and locked” and then carried in a holster.) The crossbolt safety adds another level of security to prevent unintentional discharges and can be engaged if the gun has been cocked but not shot and used to safely “lower the hammer.” The barrels on the Bond Arms guns can be easily swapped out for others. For instance, you can order the Ranger



SPECIFICATIONS

BOND ARMS BACKUP

CALIBER:	9mm, .45 ACP
BARREL:	2.5 inches
OA LENGTH:	4.5 inches
WEIGHT:	19 ounces
GRIPS:	Black synthetic
SIGHTS:	Front blade, rear notch
ACTION:	SA
FINISH:	Black frame, stainless barrel
CAPACITY:	2
MSRP:	\$410



Steve Woods photos



A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA

in .410/.45 Colt and, with an Allen wrench, easily swap in another barrel in typically less than a minute.

Reloading is a relatively straightforward process, with the Bonds' break-open design. The Bond design hinges at the top with a very secure knurled release on the left side of the frame. The hammer will still fall if the safety is pushed to the left, or to the "on" position, but is blocked from impacting the firing pin. Once you get used to rotating the handle to keep the cartridges in their chambers after loading, it is a non-issue. Most Bond Arms guns have trigger guards, which increases safety and reduces the risk of unintentional discharges. This is aided by the well-designed crossbolt safety on the frame, right under the thumb for right-handed shooters.

Derringers On Deck

I had the opportunity to put some rounds downrange and even carry a Bond Ranger II (.410/.45 Colt), a Bond Mini (.38 Special/.357), a Bond Backup (9mm/.45) and a Cowboy Defender (.410/.45 Colt). All shooting was at relatively close range (5



CA Defender



CA Mama Bear

WEST COAST DERRINGERS

Building on the popularity of the company's Big Bear CA and Brown Bear CA California-approved models released in 2014,

Bond Arms has released four new variants for the state. New to the series is the CA Mama Bear, the California Defender, the CA Backup and the CA Papa Bear.

All four variants feature a rebounding hammer, retracting firing pins, a crossbolt safety and a spring-loaded cammed locking lever. The locking lever provides a tighter barrel/frame fit and rapid loading and unloading. The CA Papa Bear also has an automatic extractor. The new models come with specially designed, California-approved barrels instead of the company's signature interchangeable barrels.

The CA Papa Bear is in .45 Colt and features extended rubber grips with the California Bear. MSRP is \$452. The CA Mama Bear is in 9mm and features pink-stained rosewood grips with a CA Mama Bear logo. MSRP is \$445. The California Defender is also in 9mm and features rosewood grips with the California Bear. MSRP is \$445. The CA Backup, also in 9mm, sports rubber grips and has an MSRP of \$445. —*Michael O. Humphries*

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yards and in). I could manipulate and fire the Bond derringers equally well with one hand as with two. This kind of surprised me, as did the lack of recoil while firing one-handed. Truth be told, firing the Backup in .45 ACP one-handed was the most pleasant shooting I did with all of the guns, and it had the setup I would choose if I were to carry a Bond Arms gun for backup.

In order to fire, place the safety in the "off" position (press from left to right), cock the external hammer and then press the trigger. If a second shot is needed, repeat the process. Shooting the Bond Arms derringers from low ready, I was able to cock the hammer as I presented the handgun to target, fire one shot, then cock and fire the second in about two seconds.

Seconds & Thirds

Some may say that two shots are not enough for a concealed handgun. And I would usually agree with that when we're talking about a primary handgun. Snub revolvers, compact 9mms and .380 ACPs are not my preferred guns to carry as primaries. But clothing and the occasion sometimes require you to carry a smaller handgun. When I do, I prefer to carry a second or third gun, which just adds to my family's safety.

As someone who teaches guns and tactics for a living, I understand rule #1: Have at least one gun. Following this rule has kept me safe for years.

As a citizen carrying concealed, you don't have all the options that law enforcement officers have. Do you carry a second gun? Do you understand that you must "hold the line" until law enforcement gets there? How about arming a trained and unarmed friend or significant other with a concealed Backup or Defender from Bond Arms? What happens if your main concealed handgun malfunctions, is taken from you, or runs dry with no reloads in sight? When I carried the Bond Arms Backup in my right front pants pocket during a large family activity, it was comfortable and comforting, and backed up by the 1911 pistol on my hip.

In preparation to defend yourself against a violent attack, along with proper mindset and practice, it's nice to have a little something extra. A Bond Arms derringer is just that, and in a serious caliber it may even qualify as a lot of something extra. For more information, visit bondarms.com or call 817-573-4445.

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LITTLE



Remington's RM380 is built to appeal to the growing demand for small, easily carried pocket pistols chambered in .380 ACP.

The release of the RM380 marks Remington's recent entry into the .380 pocket pistol market. The new subcompact is a double-action-only (DAO), semi-automatic handgun with a locked breech. The company touts the fact that the pistol has a 2.9-inch barrel that it claims is the longest barrel in its class. Longer barrel length should result in higher muzzle velocities and more energy on target. Because of the gun's diminutive 5.27-inch length and 3.86-inch height, it can definitely be placed into the class of pocket guns.

The RM380 is designed to offer a good amount of power and performance in a very small package. Bucking the current trend toward employing polymer frames in small pocket pistols, the light and handy RM380 instead employs aluminum alloy in its construction. Whatever your feelings are regarding alloy versus polymer, the result is a sturdy little pistol that should be able to dish out a good amount of rounds with no discernible wear.

BIG MAN

Big Green's little RM380 is designed to ride backup anytime, anywhere!

BY DOUG LARSON



During my testing of the RM380 at a recent writer's event, I experienced no malfunctions in running 100 rounds of Remington ball ammunition through the particular preproduction gun I tested. Since these were preproduction samples and the engineers were making modifications before releasing the design for production, an accurate generalization about reliability is not possible. Besides, 100 or even 500 rounds through 10 or so guns is not enough to create a statistically significant sample. We must wait for production guns before any judgments can be made.

For those readers who might be saying that this gun looks suspiciously like the Rohrbaugh R380, you are really paying attention. Recently, Remington purchased Rohrbaugh and with it came the R380 design. A major change from the Rohrbaugh design, however, is the switch from a European-style heel magazine release to the American-style button release that is located just behind the trigger and a little above the junction of the triggerguard and frontstrap. And while the Rohrbaugh R380 was a fairly expensive gun, the RM380's retail price is \$417, which puts it in the price range of the major .380 ACP pocket pistol competitors.

Micro Protector The RM380's 2.9-inch barrel is made of 410 stainless steel and features a 1-in-16-inch twist rate. Atop the slide—this gun does not sport the tired, blocky and hard-to-conceal square edges of most modern pistols—Remington put a fixed blade front sight and a fixed notch rear sight, which is not an unusual sight configuration for a gun of this type.

The frame is manufactured from 7075 aluminum and has a black anodized finish to match the black finish of the steel slide. Remington has installed dual recoil springs that ride on a steel guide rod, and there are seven diagonal serrations at the rear of the slide that provide a slip-resistant gripping surface for manually cycling the action. Racking the slide on my test gun was not difficult.

This is a hammer-fired gun, not a striker-fired gun. The hammer has no spur to get caught in clothing or a purse on the draw. Remington indicated that the gun will be supplied with two six-round, steel magazines with witness holes—one with a flat floorplate and the other with an extended base to provide a bit more gripping surface. The gun has a short grip, so the extended floorplate should be helpful for many shooters. Additionally, to help get a better grip, the frontstrap is checkered and the triggerguard is undercut a bit to allow for a grasp that is closer to the bore axis.

Unlike most new pocket pistol models, the RM380 has removable, black polymer grip panels that are checkered for a better grip and secured by screws. Time will tell, but it is possible that after-market grips will eventually become available for the gun as well.

Besides the checkered, delta-shaped magazine release, which, when activated, allowed magazines to fall freely, the only other controls are the trigger and slide catch. The slide catch is a low-profile design that is surrounded by a tapered ridge to help prevent accidental activation. After the last round is fired, the slide is held to the rear, a feature desired by most experienced shooters.

Disassembly is similar to other guns of this type, but a tool may be required. After double checking to make sure the gun is unloaded and the magazine removed, a hole in the slide is aligned with the takedown pin that runs through the frame and

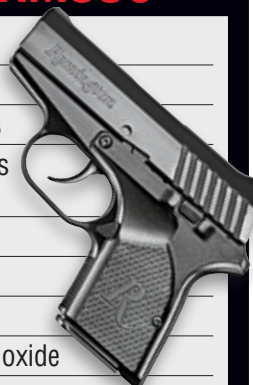
engages the barrel underlug. This pin must be pushed out if it doesn't fall out by tapping or shaking the gun. Once the pin is out, the slide can be removed from the front of the frame, and then the barrel, recoil springs, guide rod and barrel can be separated.

The RM380 is primed to be a competitive .380 ACP option for anyone looking for a modern, 6+1 capacity pistol for everyday carry. Thanks to its ultra-compact dimensions and proven design, this gun is fine-tuned to deliver close-quarters defense. For more information, visit remington.com or call 800-243-9700.

SPECIFICATIONS

REMINGTON RM380

CALIBER:	.380 ACP
BARREL:	2.9 inches
OA LENGTH:	5.27 inches
WEIGHT:	12.2 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Fixed
ACTION:	DAO
FINISH:	Satin black oxide
CAPACITY:	6+1
MSRP:	\$417



COLD WAR CLASSICS

Low on cost and high on performance, these combat veterans deliver when it counts!

BY MIKE BELIVEAU



WE all enjoy checking out the latest pint-sized, polymer pocket pistols, but those hot, new firearms often come with a price that doesn't leave much room for mortgage payments, grocery shopping or the kids' college fund. However, there is a way of getting highly concealable, self-defense firepower without wiping out your budget or compromising on effectiveness and quality. Just look beyond the new-arrivals rack at the gun store and open your eyes to the outstanding military and police surplus firearms that are available in the marketplace.

The breakup of the Soviet Union is, in large measure, responsible for the widespread availability of military surplus pocket pistols today. When the Soviets dominated Eastern Europe through the Warsaw Pact military alliance, they required their allies to use weapons chambered for Soviet cartridges. In 1951

the Soviets adopted the 9x18mm Makarov round as their standard handgun ammunition; their Eastern European allies followed suit.

In the decade following the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, Warsaw Pact countries like Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria phased out their Soviet-compatible handguns in favor of more powerful, 9mm Parabellum designs. Eventually those warehouses full of old Soviet-type pistols were sold on the surplus arms market, offering U.S. shooters some excellent, cost-effective buys. Let's take a look at what's available.

Walthers and CZs

The German-made Walther PP and PPK pistols were introduced in 1929. Today the PPK variant is best known as James Bond's issued sidearm, but during World War II, Walther PPs and PPKs were issued to a variety of German

agencies and military units. The German military police and most German civilian police departments all carried Walther PP or PPK pistols, the majority of which were chambered in .32 ACP. (A small number were issued in .380.) I mention these guns because they had a profound influence on postwar firearms designers who were behind the Iron Curtain. A good deal of Eastern European pocket pistols have a healthy amount of Walther PP DNA.

Take, for instance, the Czechoslovakian CZ 50 and CZ 70 pistols. The CZ 50 was designed in 1950 by brothers Jan and Jaroslav Kratochvíl for the Czech Arms plant (*Ceská Zbrojovka* in Czech), which led to the American designation "CZ". The Czechs themselves call it the vz. 50 (*vzor* is "model" in Czech).

The CZ 50 and its later sibling, the CZ 70, are cosmetically very similar to the Walther PP, but there are some





Clockwise from bottom: This lineup of Soviet-era pocket pistols features the Bulgarian Makarov, the Hungarian PA-63, the Czech CZ 82, the Polish P64 and the Czech CZ 70.

internal differences. Like the Walthers, the CZ guns are blowback-operated, double-action, semi-automatic pistols chambered for .32 ACP. They have 3.75-inch barrels and eight-round magazines. The DA/SA trigger pull on most CZ 50s and 70s I've shot is pretty stout. On the CZ 70 that I currently own, the double-action trigger pull is 21 pounds, and the single-action trigger pull is 9 pounds. The CZ 50 and 70 each have a decocker safety and an American-style, push-button magazine release on the frame, just forward of the left grip panel. Neither gun has a slide

release lever. With the gun empty, you release the slide by dropping the magazine and slingshotting the slide. Or if you insert a loaded magazine, just slingshot the slide and you're good to go.

These are all-steel guns, they're rugged and reliable, but with each weighing 2 pounds empty, they aren't featherweights. CZ 50s are getting hard to find, but CZ 70s are still available and being imported.

9x18mm Makarov

In 1951 the Russians dumped the TT-33 Tokarev pistol and its .30-caliber cartridge in favor of Nikolai Makarov's 9x18mm design. As a result, the Warsaw Pact countries had to toss out their .30 Tokarev guns and re-arm with pistols chambered for the new 9x18mm round. Some countries, notably Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary, designed their own 9mm guns. But a number of countries took the path of least resis-

tance and simply adopted or copied the Russian Makarov pistol. Today you can buy Makarovs that were made in Russia, Bulgaria or East Germany—China even produced Makarov-pattern pistols.

The 9x18mm Makarov round is very similar to the .380 autopistol cartridge, but the bullet diameter is larger than the .355-caliber .380 at 0.364 inches. Luckily the widespread availability of Makarov pistols has led to widespread ammo availability. I think Hornady's Critical Defense 95-grain FTX is your best choice for self-defense with any of the pistols chambered for 9x18mm Makarov.

The Makarov pistol itself is essentially the same size as a Walther PP and has a similar blowback action. It has a 3.62-inch barrel and a steel frame. The DA/SA trigger has a smooth, 19-pound double-action pull and a 7-pound single-action pull. This isn't a match-quality trigger, but it is an excellent combat trigger. The



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Makarov has an eight-round, single-stack magazine that is secured by a European-style heel release catch at the base of the grips. The firing pin is free-floating, and the decocking safety lever effectively blocks the firing pin from hitting the primer. The Bulgarian-made Makarovs, one of which I own, are even on the California DOJ-approved list for sale in that state.

Unlike the Walther PP, the Makarov pistol does have a slide release lever on the left side of the frame. The all-steel Makarov weighs 1.75 pounds, which is a good half-pound heavier than most currently designed pocket pistols but not so heavy that you'll acquire Popeye-sized arms from shooting it. The Makarov is very ergonomic, and the added heft of a steel frame helps to keep the gun on target, shot to shot.

Other 9mm Makarov Pistols

If you are looking for a lighter weight concealed-carry gun, the Hungarian-made FÉG PA-63 may be the military-surplus pistol for you. It is almost a dead ringer for the Walther PP, but the grip frame has a slightly improved shape. Any holster that fits the PP will fit the PA-63 to a T. What makes the PA-63 different is its aluminum alloy frame, which brings the weight of this pistol down to 24 ounces. The steel slide is well polished and blued, and the alloy frame is left in the white. The two-tone finish gives the PA-63 a racy appearance, and its lighter weight makes it a comfortable carry gun.

Poland's P64 was designed in the late 1950s by a six-man team. The mystery is why it took six people to copy Walther's PPK design. The Poles strongly deny that they consciously copied the PPK, but every person I know thought "PPK" when they saw a P64 for the first time. At 3.33 inches long, the P64 has a barrel that is shorter than those of other 9mm Makarov pistols. And the P64's short grip frame contains a six-round magazine, rather than the seven- to 12-round magazines of other surplus pistols. Even though the P64 has a steel frame, its small size keeps its weight down to 21.28 ounces, making it the most pocket-friendly of the Eastern Bloc military pistols.

My favorite Eastern Bloc pistol is the CZ 82. In my opinion, the Czech's Cold War service pistol is the best-built in 9mm Makarov. The double-action trigger pull is 11 pounds and buttery smooth. The single-action trigger pull is 5 pounds and breaks very cleanly. The CZ 82 has a

SPECIFICATIONS



CZ 50/CZ 70

CALIBER:	.32 ACP
BARREL:	3.75 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.75 inches
WEIGHT:	28 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Black Bakelite
SIGHTS:	Fixed front, dovetailed rear
ACTION:	DA/SA
FINISH:	Blued
CAPACITY:	7+1



MAKAROV

CALIBER:	9x18mm Makarov
BARREL:	3.6 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.25 inches
WEIGHT:	25 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Red Bakelite
SIGHTS:	Fixed front, dovetailed rear
ACTION:	DA/SA
FINISH:	Blued
CAPACITY:	8+1



PA-63

CALIBER:	9x18mm Makarov
BARREL:	3.9 inches
OA LENGTH:	7 inches
WEIGHT:	20 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Black plastic
SIGHTS:	Fixed front, dovetailed rear
ACTION:	DA/SA
FINISH:	Brushed frame, blued slide
CAPACITY:	8+1



P64

CALIBER:	9x18mm Makarov
BARREL:	3.3 inches
OA LENGTH:	6 inches
WEIGHT:	24 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Black plastic
SIGHTS:	Fixed front, dovetailed rear
ACTION:	DA/SA
FINISH:	Blued
CAPACITY:	6+1



CZ 82

CALIBER:	9x18mm Makarov
BARREL:	3.8 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.8 inches
WEIGHT:	30 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Black plastic
SIGHTS:	Fixed front, dovetailed rear
ACTION:	DA/SA
FINISH:	Blued
CAPACITY:	12+1

full complement of controls, including an American-style magazine release and a slide release lever. The safety is not a decocker, so as with the classic CZ 75, the CZ 82 can be carried cocked and locked. The sights are relatively large and easy to

acquire. All this makes the CZ 82 a joy to shoot. My personal CZ 82 is very accurate, both with factory ammunition and with my own cast-bullet handloads. And, with its 12-round, staggered magazine, this gun can keep you in the fight twice as long as

most other Eastern Bloc pistols of the time. Any of these Cold War pistols will make an effective self-defense sidearm. The real problem is choosing just one. On the other hand, with their attractive prices, why stop at just one?

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Beretta Mod. 84 FS

This CO₂-powered replica of the Beretta 84 FS has the fine ergonomics of the original, fits well in the hand and is easy to operate. The slide stop, ambidextrous safety and disassembly lever offer realistic handling and training. It features all-metal construction and has a removable magazine that holds seventeen .177-caliber BBs and a 12-gram CO₂ capsule. The slide reciprocates with each shot, adding to its authentic feel.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .177 • **BARREL:** 3.6 inches • **OA LENGTH:** 7 inches
WEIGHT: 22.4 • **CAPACITY:** 17 • **MSRP:** \$107



Legends Makarov PM

Like its famous namesake, this replica of the *Pistolet Makarova*, the long-serving Soviet/Russian service pistol, has a double-action/single-action trigger, a moveable slide and a drop-free, 18-shot BB magazine. The air gun is powered by a single 12-gram CO₂ capsule that is concealed in the grip frame. It features all-metal construction, authentic-looking plastic grips adorned with the Red Army star, fixed sights and a slide-mounted manual safety.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .177 • **BARREL:** 3.75 inches • **OA LENGTH:** 6.25 inches
WEIGHT: 24 ounces • **CAPACITY:** 18 • **MSRP:** \$73



Walther CP99 Compact

Umarex’s CO₂-powered Walther replica offers a realistic blowback, semi-automatic action and a rail that allows for the easy installation of accessories like an aiming laser or light. A 12-gram CO₂ cylinder loads in the back of the grip and the BB magazine releases with the push of an ambidextrous magazine-release lever. The CO₂’s force causes the slide to reciprocate with each shot, giving the shooter a realistic feel.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .177 • **BARREL:** 3.25 inches • **OA LENGTH:** 6.6 inches
WEIGHT: 27.2 ounces • **CAPACITY:** 18 • **MSRP:** \$100

AIR FORCE

training companion for your carry gun! **BY PAUL SCARLATA**



Colt Defender

The Colt Defender BB Pistol offers all-metal construction and a built-in 16-shot BB magazine. The spring-powered grip release and the CO₂ compartment in the grip make this pistol extremely easy to operate. Like its cartridge-firing cousin, it has a thumb safety and fixed sights, but it differs in that it has a double-action trigger and an accessory rail on the dust cover.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .177 • **BARREL:** 4.3 inches • **OA LENGTH:** 6.75 inches
WEIGHT: 25.6 ounces • **CAPACITY:** 16 • **MSRP:** \$70



HK USP Compact

This replica of Heckler & Koch's popular USP Compact is a gas-blowback airsoft pistol with a double-action trigger. It looks and handles like the cartridge-firing model, has a moving hammer, an ambidextrous magazine release, a safety/decocking lever and the slide must be retracted to chamber the first BB—all features that add realism! The removable magazine does double duty as a gas container and holds 22 6mm airsoft BBs.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 6mm • **BARREL:** 3.25 inches • **OA LENGTH:** 7 inches
WEIGHT: 25.6 ounces • **CAPACITY:** 22 • **MSRP:** \$165

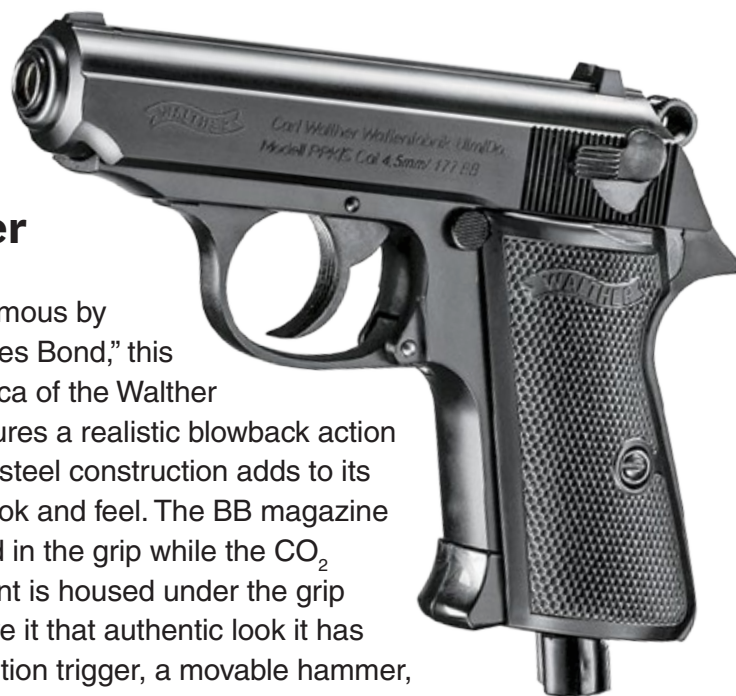


Walther PPS

This officially licensed BB pistol features realistic blowback action and a drop-free magazine that holds 14 BBs. Its all-metal slide sits atop a polymer frame that has a CO₂ capsule charging tool ingeniously incorporated into the backstrap and a push-button trigger safety. Other features built into the pistol include low-profile tactical sights, a metal barrel, an integrated under-muzzle Weaver rail and a Walther-style ambidextrous, paddle magazine release. Umarex also offers an airsoft version of its Walther PPS that is dimensionally identical but fires 6mm airsoft BBs.

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 6mm • **BARREL:** 3 inches • **OA LENGTH:** 6.375 inches
WEIGHT: 19.2 ounces • **CAPACITY:** 14 • **MSRP:** \$81



Walther PPK/S

As made famous by "Bond, James Bond," this faithful replica of the Walther PPK/S features a realistic blowback action while its all-steel construction adds to its authentic look and feel. The BB magazine is contained in the grip while the CO₂ compartment is housed under the grip plate. To give it that authentic look it has a double-action trigger, a movable hammer, a correctly located magazine release and a non-functional, slide-mounted safety/hammer drop lever (a thumb safety is located next to the right grip panel). **PP**

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .177 • **BARREL:** 3.5 inches • **OA LENGTH:** 6.1 inches
WEIGHT: 19.2 ounces • **CAPACITY:** 15 • **MSRP:** \$100



POCKET PISTOLERS

The history behind America's tradition of concealed-carry handguns!

BY DENNIS ADLER

“WELL, ILL BE!” shouted the gravelly throated card player. “Another full house. Must be my lucky night.”

Across the table, a well-dressed gentleman stared over the pile of money and into the eyes of a card cheat. Heated words

were exchanged and the two stood quickly, sending their chairs grating across the saloon floor. The room fell silent as the two stepped back from the table. It was at that moment that the swindler realized the dude he'd fleeced wasn't even wearing a gun!

“No gun belt? What a fool,” he thought, drawing a foot-long knife from his hip. But before he could even take a step he was staring at a pair of short-barreled six shooters that had appeared out from under the man's jacket!

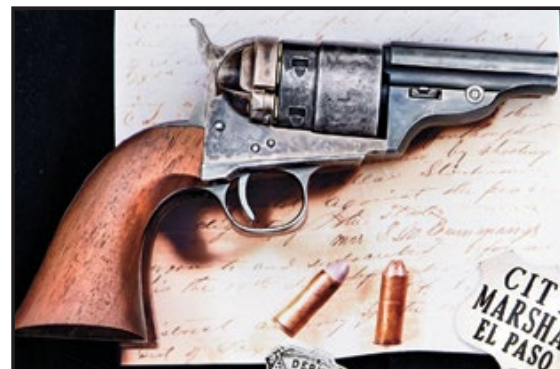
This cautionary tale might surprise a lot of people, but concealment pocket holsters, inside-the-waist-band (IWB) and spring-clip pant holsters actually date back to the mid-1870s. The same is true of large-caliber snub-nose revolvers, the most prominent of which first appeared toward the end of the Civil War in the .44-caliber Colt 1860 Army models, which had barrels cut down to as little as 2 inches. This practice continued well into the 1870s with cut-down cartridge conversions and even Colt Single Actions. In fact, Colt built its

first Sheriff's Model with a 2.5-inch barrel in 1882, and eventually every American gunmaker began producing short-barreled revolvers. But the so-called “belly gun” is actually much older, dating back to Samuel Colt's first percussion model, the famous Baby Paterson, introduced in 1836.

Samuel Colt was the originator of the modern backup gun. In the 1830s he began building small-caliber pocket pistols in Paterson, New Jersey. When he established the Colt's Patent Fire-Arms Mfg. Co. in 1848, among his first and most successful revolvers were small, .31-caliber pocket pistols, the Model 1848 and Model 1849. Colt's even offered its own belly production gun in 1862 with a limited run of .36-caliber Police models fitted with 2- and 2.5-inch barrels. Along with



Samuel Colt was the inventor of the small-caliber pocket pistol. Known as the Baby Paterson, the palm-sized, cap-and-ball revolvers carried five .28-caliber rounds. Colt built about 500, including some elegantly engraved and silver-inlaid examples.



Dallas Stoudenmire was a former Texas Ranger who became city marshal of El Paso, Texas, and deputy U.S. marshal for the Southern District of Texas in the early 1880s. Among the guns he carried was a modified Richards-Mason 1860 Army .44 Colt with the ejector removed and barrel shortened to 2.62 inches. The gun was just slightly larger than many of today's snub-nose .38-caliber revolvers.

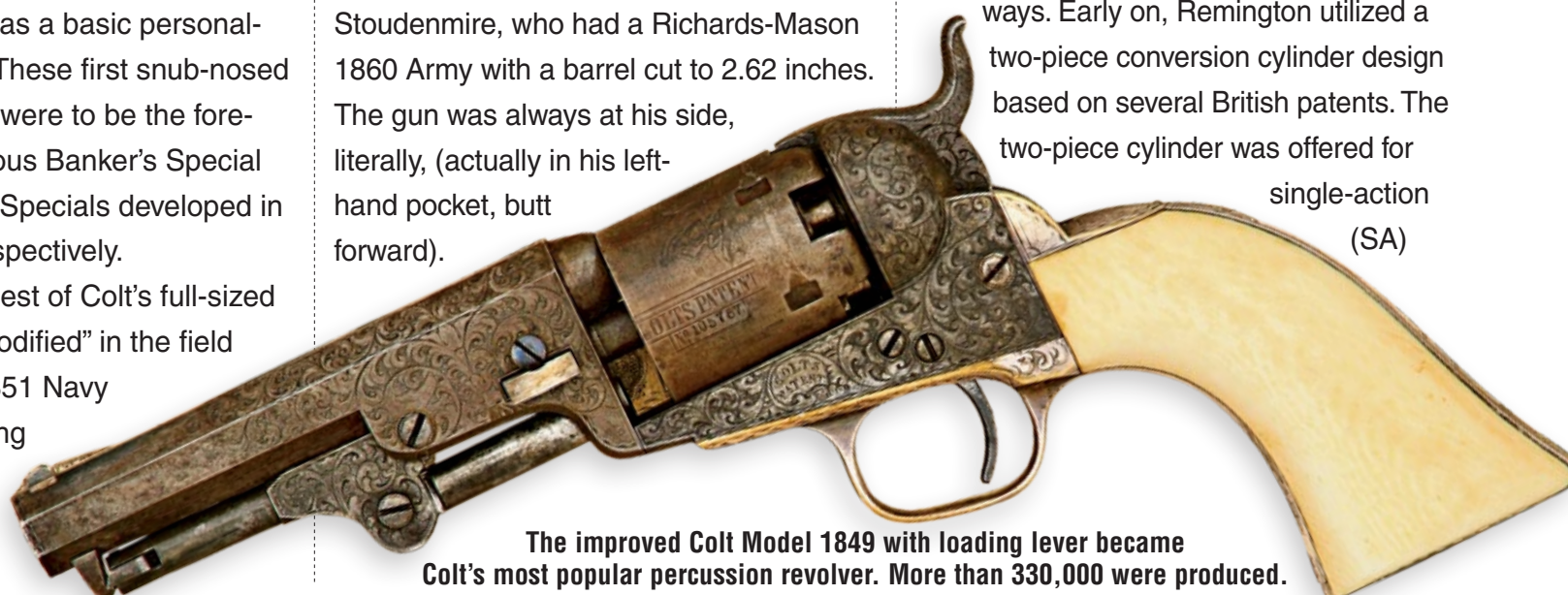


the 1865 Pocket Model of Navy Caliber, these scaled-down percussion handguns were the foundation for Colt's post-Civil War pocket model cartridge conversions in either .38-caliber rimfire or centerfire. The guns, which were mainly remanufactured percussion pistols, remained in production from 1872 until the early 1880s, and in use by outlaws, lawmen, gamblers and just everyday folks as a basic personal-defense handgun. These first snub-nosed .38-caliber models were to be the forerunners of the famous Banker's Special and Colt Detective Specials developed in 1926 and 1927, respectively.

Among the earliest of Colt's full-sized handguns to be "modified" in the field were .36-caliber 1851 Navy models (many during the Civil War), followed by similarly altered .44-caliber

1860 Army revolvers. There was notable precedent for the advantages of a small backup gun. A cut-down handgun suddenly presented could give a man the opportunity to get the advantage on an armed adversary, if he was quick and true with his aim.

A cut-down .44 Colt was famously carried by Deputy U.S. Marshal Dallas Stoudenmire, who had a Richards-Mason 1860 Army with a barrel cut to 2.62 inches. The gun was always at his side, literally, (actually in his left-hand pocket, butt forward).



The improved Colt Model 1849 with loading lever became Colt's most popular percussion revolver. More than 330,000 were produced.

(Far left) The biggest of the "belly guns," this unusual 1st Model Dragoon was shortened to a barrel length of only 2.75 inches, literally cut off at the end of the barrel lug. This particular .44-caliber model, from the collection of Lt. Col. Gerald E. Dickerson, Jr., has a very colorful and documented history having belonged to Deputy U.S. Marshal William Stokes, who pursued and captured John D. Lee in 1874. Lee had been wanted since 1857 when he led the infamous Mountain Meadows Massacre in southern Utah.

(Left) This isn't what you wanted to see in the 1870s if you just cheated a man at cards! Gamblers and gentlemen often carried guns in unconventional holsters so as to appear unarmed in public. Lawmen also followed this practice and called it a backup gun.

It was the gun he was carrying on September 18, 1882, when he was murdered by outlaw Jim Manning, who used a similarly modified Colt with a cutaway triggerguard.

The cutaway triggerguard appeared again on modified Colt Single Actions and in the early 20th century when shootist J. Henry FitzGerald (who joined Colt's in 1918), began custom building .45-caliber New Service models with cut-down barrels, short ejectors, shaved hammers and cutaway triggerguards. Known as Fitz Specials, the same design was also used by FitzGerald on Colt Detective Specials.

Early Competitors

When it came to small- and medium-caliber cartridge pistols, Colt's and Remington also went head to head for sales and diversification in the 1870s, but that was where the armsmakers went their separate ways. Early on, Remington utilized a two-piece conversion cylinder design based on several British patents. The two-piece cylinder was offered for single-action (SA)



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The rarest of Colt's 1862 Police models were those built with short 2- or 2.5-inch barrels during the Civil War. Though factory records are vague, it is estimated that anywhere from 25 to 50 were built at the Hartford factory. They were about equivalent in size to the Colt Detective Specials of the late 1920s.

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and double-action (DA) percussion revolvers and also Remington's small, five-shot New Model Pocket Revolver, which was destined to become one of the most prolific small-caliber cartridge handguns of the late 19th century.

The Remington pocket models had been manufactured as cap-and-ball pistols from 1863 to 1873, thus there was a decade of production before the conversion to .32-caliber rimfire was introduced in 1873. The popular backup pistols were available with 3-, 3.5-, 4 and 4.5-inch barrel lengths, the latter two being quite rare. More than 25,000 were produced, the majority either converted to or manufactured as cartridge-firing models. The guns were available with both cartridge and percussion cylinders, again making the Remington a very versatile model. However, the Colts proved to be more popular.

Close on Colt's heels was Smith & Wesson, which built the very first American cartridge revolver in 1857. Although an anemic .22-caliber short, followed by a slightly more potent .32 rimfire (the backup gun carried by none other than Wild Bill Hickok), S&W eventually surpassed Colt, creating an entire series of .32- and .38-caliber backup guns favored by lawmen from the late 19th century and well into the mid 20th.

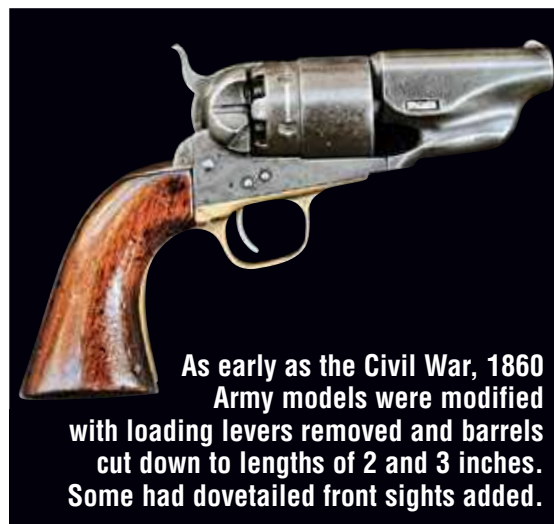
The company's ever-increasing and diversified line of top-break revolvers were ideally suited for discreet carry, and by 1896 Smith & Wesson began replacing them with new swing-out-cylinder versions. Over the next 100 years, S&W would continue to rival Colt, which ultimately discontinued nearly all of its DA revolvers before the end of the 20th century. Colt and S&W had nonetheless laid the groundwork, proving there would always be a market for backup guns.

Concealed Carry

In the 1870s Vicksburg, Mississippi, merchant and arms dealer Louis Hoffman began selling a variety of holsters designed for short-barreled SA revolvers that attached to a pants waist with a metal clip, thereby eliminating the presence of a gunbelt and lending to the appearance that a man was unarmed. An IWB holster was also patented in 1878 by Ira Page and sold as the Pistol Pocket Case designed



In the 1870s, Mississippi merchant Louis Hoffman began marketing the Hoffman "Royale" spring clip holster, which could be carried without the use of a gun belt. This is one of the earliest known examples of a concealed-carry holster using a spring clip device, circa 1874. (Holster courtesy Chisholm's Trail Leather)



As early as the Civil War, 1860 Army models were modified with loading levers removed and barrels cut down to lengths of 2 and 3 inches. Some had dovetailed front sights added.

for the popular .38-caliber Colt pocket pistols. For gentlemen who preferred to carry even more discreetly, a variety of clever pocket-liner holsters were available as far back as the 1870s.

The backup gun has a long history with lawmen and civilians alike, and as everyone in the Old West invariably learned, when your six-shooter is empty and the situation isn't resolved, there's nothing quite so fulfilling as a second gun to fill your hand! **PP**

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Concealed-carry laws for all 50 states in 2015!

BY JEREMY D. CLOUGH



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Although all 50 states now allow some form of concealed carry, the laws governing it are as different as the states themselves, and are constantly changing. The following is a general overview of each state's laws on issuing permits, as well as whether or not they issue permits to non-residents and if they recognize permits from other states. While "reciprocity" is a term of art, I've used it here in the more general sense of whether or not they will recognize another state's permit. The exact terms of the reciprocity they offer are, of course, different for each state. Just because they recognize some out-of-state permits doesn't mean they recognize one from your state, so you'll need to check that.

Other restrictions to be aware of are ammunition or magazine capacity laws as well as the law of self-defense for that state. Included are links to official sources in each state as well as the citation for their CCW statute, to serve as starting points for the additional research you should do to make sure you obey the law.

What follows is not legal advice. For that, you must contact an attorney licensed in that state who specializes in this area of law. This article is not intended to answer all the questions you need to ask, but to tell you where to look for the answers you need.

Be aware that laws change constantly and new ones often become effective

at unpredictable times. Almost a third of states made some changes to their CCW law during 2015 (almost half since 2014) and some states have as many as three different versions of their CCW law staged to take effect at different times. There's no guarantee that they won't change again by the time this gets to press and into your hands. Further complicating things, available information, even when it comes from state agencies, may be conflicting. While the information in this article came from state government sources (including directly from the most recently published statutes), do not rely on this or any other unofficial source. Verify all information prior to traveling, and if you have any doubt at all about carrying, don't do it.

There is a school of thought that says you should push the limits on such things, and you'll find no shortage of anonymous people on the Internet enthusiastically urging you to do it. They will not be going to jail in your place, paying your legal fees or be the ones stripped of their right to carry a firearm, however, in the future when you get caught. Don't let them dupe you into being a test case.

We are fortunate to live in a time when the states increasingly recognize the right to self-protection. The continued expansion of these rights depends on those who exercise them in a legal and responsible manner. Stay informed and stay legal.

ALABAMA

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-Gun-Reprocity-Law%20>

Statute: Code of Ala. § 13A-11-75

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: Varies by jurisdiction and length of time for which permit is issued

Length: 1-5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: Law rewritten extensively, effective August 1, 2013. While Alabama used to only recognize those states that reciprocally recognized their permit, they now recognize any carry permit.

ALASKA

<http://dps.state.ak.us/Statewide/PermitsLicensing/concealedhandguns.aspx>

Statute: Alaska Statutes 18.65.700

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety; apply at State Trooper office

Cost: Up to \$99 initial/\$30 renewal

Length: Up to 5 years (expires on the person's birthday in the fifth year following issuance)

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: While a permit is available, none is required to carry concealed in Alaska.

ARIZONA

http://www.azdps.gov/Services/Concealed_Weapons/

Statute: A.R.S. § 13-3102, 13-3112

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety, Concealed Weapons Permits Unit

Cost: \$60 initial/\$43 renewal • **Length:** 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes

Note: While a permit is available, none is required to carry a weapon in Arizona. Consult state laws on where and how weapons may be carried.

ARKANSAS

<http://asp.arkansas.gov/services-and-programs/detail/concealed-handgun-licensing>

Statute: A.C.A. § 5-73-309

Issuing Authority: Department of State Police

Cost: \$100 plus other costs if under 65 years of age, \$50 plus other costs if over 65. Renewals are \$35 plus other costs, with no difference based on age.

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: Some minor changes to eligibility, generally regarding retired law enforcement and military personnel, were approved by the governor in February and March of 2015. Most significantly, the age requirement of 21 years has been reduced to 18 for those who have served in the military.

CALIFORNIA

<http://oag.ca.gov/firearms>

Statute: Cal Pen Code § 26150, 26155

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff or Chief/Head of Police

Cost: Varies and statute provides for them to increase on a regular basis

Length: 2-year maximum for civilian permit

Terms of Issuance: May issue • **Reciprocity:** Not provided for

Out of State Permits: Code appears to allow county sheriff to grant a permit to one not residing in their county if their primary place of business is there and they spend a "substantial period of time" there.

COLORADO

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cbi/chpstatutes>

Statute: C.R.S. 18-12-203

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: No more than \$100 initial, \$50 renewal, plus other fees

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes, but appears to apply to only resident permits

Out of State Permits: No

Note: A temporary emergency permit is also available. Effective July 1, 2013, Colorado banned the acquisition of magazines that contain over 15 rounds. Unlike the nationwide ban in 1994, when magazines manufactured prior to the ban were still regularly sold after it went into effect, in Colorado magazines manufactured before the ban appear to be "grandfathered in" only if you actually possessed them prior to the ban and maintained continuous possession of them since that time.

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[http://www.ct.gov/despp/cwp/view.](http://www.ct.gov/despp/cwp/view.asp?a=4213&q=494614&desppNav_GID=2080)

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Statute: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 29-28

Issuing Authority: Chief of Police, Warden or First Selectman for temporary permit; Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (State Police) for state permit and for non-residents

Cost: \$140 initial (\$70 for local, \$70 for state) plus other fees, \$70 renewal.

Length: 5 years for state; temporary permit unclear, but must receive state permit within 60 days of receiving local permit

Terms of Issuance: May issue • **Reciprocity:** No

Out of State Permits: Yes; but statute appears to require that non-residents already be permitted by another jurisdiction.

Note: Applicants must apply locally for a temporary permit prior

to eligibility for a state permit. Out-of-state applicants must apply directly to Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (State Police). On April 5, 2013, new restrictions took effect on certain firearms designated “assault weapons,” as well as magazines containing more than 10 rounds.

DELAWARE

<http://courts.delaware.gov/Superior/weapons.stm>

Statute: 11 Del. C. § 1441

Issuing Authority: Prothonotary of Superior Court

Cost: \$65 initial/renewal

Length: 2 years initial/3 renewal; expires on June 1

Terms of Issuance: May issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes

Out of State Permits: Attorney general has authority to issue a short-term permit to a non-resident under very limited circumstances

Note: The statute allows for a 3-year initial permit/5-year renewal, but procedural rules only allow 2-year/3-year permits.

FLORIDA

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/#Concealed-Weapons>

Statute: Fla. Stat. § 790.06

Issuing Authority: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Cost: \$112 initial, \$60 renewal (\$102 renewal if non-resident)

Length: 7 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Reciprocity appears to apply only to those with permits issued by their state of residence. Effective July 1, 2014, the law was changed to allow for appointment of tax collectors to receive CCW applications.

GEORGIA

[http://dps.georgia.gov/georgias-firearm-permit-reciprocity \(reciprocity information only\)](http://dps.georgia.gov/georgias-firearm-permit-reciprocity(reciprocity%20information%20only))

Statute: O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129

Issuing Authority: Judge of County Probate Court

Cost: \$30 initial/renewal plus additional fees that vary by county, \$1 for temporary renewal permit

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: Georgia passed a sweeping concealed-carry reform bill that became effective in July 1, 2014. It clarified and dramatically increased the areas where permit holders could carry, long a grey area in Georgia law, and allowed churches to opt-in to permit concealed carry.

HAWAII

<http://www.honolulu.org/information/index.php?page=gunmain>

Statute: HRS § 134-9 • **Issuing Authority:** Chief of Police

Cost: \$10 • **Length:** 1 year

Terms of Issuance: May issue “in an exceptional case”

Reciprocity: No • **Out of State Permits:** Appears to be provided for

Note: Permits appear to be limited to carrying in the counties in which they are issued. No residency requirement appears in the statute, which also authorizes permits for certain foreign nationals.

IDAHO

http://www.ag.idaho.gov/concealedWeapons/concealedWeapons_index.html

Statute: Idaho Code § 18-3302, § 18-3302K (enhanced permit)

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$20 initial, \$15 renewal plus additional fees.

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** yes

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, an “enhanced” permit became available, which is issued to residents or non-residents who already have a permit in their state of residence. It requires training, a requirement that is otherwise discretionary with the issuing sheriff. Certain minor changes became effective July 1, 2015.

ILLINOIS

<https://www.ispfsb.com/Public/CCL.aspx>

Statute: 430 ILCS 66/10

Issuing Authority: Department of State Police

Cost: \$150 initial/renewal for resident, \$300 initial/renewal for non-resident • **Length:** 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue • **Reciprocity:** No

Out of State Permits: Yes, if state of residence has substantially similar weapons laws

Note: Concealed carry passed in Illinois in July of 2013, with some minor changes to the law in December 2013. Non-

residents who may lawfully carry in their home state are not prohibited from transporting a concealed firearm within their vehicle in Illinois, but may not remove the gun from their vehicle and may not leave it unsecured if they get out.

INDIANA

<http://www.in.gov/isp/3179.htm>

Statute: Indiana Code § 35-47-2-3

Issuing Authority: Superintendent of State Police through local chief law enforcement officer (Chief of Police/Sheriff)

Cost: \$40-125 plus fingerprints for “unlimited” license;

“qualified” license is only for hunting and target shooting

Length: 4 years or lifetime • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** yes

Note: Out-of-state permits appear to only be issued to those with a regular place of business in Indiana. Some minor elements of law changed effective July 1, 2014.

IOWA

http://www.dps.state.ia.us/asd/weapon_permits.shtml

Statute: Iowa Code § 724.11

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff, or Commissioner of Public Safety for out-of-state applicants • **Cost:** \$50 initial/\$25 renewal

Length: 5 year for a nonprofessional, 1 year for a professional or the duration of employment for some LE personnel

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes, but professional permit only

Note: Contact Commissioner of Public Safety for out-of-state and some professional permits.

KANSAS

<http://ag.ks.gov/public-safety/concealedcarry>

Statute: K.S.A. § 75-7c05

Issuing Authority: Attorney General through County Sheriff

Cost: \$132.50 initial/\$25 renewal • **Length:** 4 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: While a permit is available, pursuant to legislation passed in 2015 no permit is required to carry concealed in Kansas. Certain other minor changes were approved on April 2, 2015.

KENTUCKY

<http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/conceal.htm>

Statute: KRS § 237.110

Issuing Authority: State Police through County Sheriff

Cost: \$60 initial/\$60 renewal • **Length:** 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes

Out of State Permits: No

Note: Some changes to the statute became effective July 15, 2014. This included a provision allowing electronic applications and for those moving into the state with permits from their prior states of residence to carry for 120 days after becoming a Kentucky resident and meeting certain filing requirements. Some changes to the training requirements became law on March 23, 2015.

LOUISIANA

<http://www.lsp.org/handguns.html>

Statute: La. R.S. 40:1379.3

Issuing Authority: Deputy Secretary of Department of Public Safety and Corrections

Cost: \$25 per year initial/renewal with possible additional fees for initial, including a one-time \$50 for those who have not resided in the state for the 15 years prior to application. Annual cost reduced by half for those 65 and older. Lifetime permit requires 20-year prepayment for under 65, 10-year prepay for those over 65.

Length: 5 years or lifetime, with statutory provision for less than 5 years and proof of training required every 5 years for lifetime

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: Some elements of the law changed January 1, 2014, including mental health records and procedures. A provision reducing fees for service members and veterans went into effect July 4, 2014.

MAINE

http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html

Statute: 25 M.R.S. § 2003

Issuing Authority: Varies by area of residence: Mayor/Municipal Authority, Chief of local Police or Chief of State Police

Cost: \$35 initial/\$20 renewal (\$60 initial/renewal for non-residents)

Length: 4 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Some minor changes become effective May 29, 2015.

MARYLAND

<http://www.mdsp.org/Organization/Pages/SupportServicesBureau/LicensingDivision/Firearms/WearandCarryPermit.aspx>

Statute: Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 5-306

Issuing Authority: Secretary of State Police

Cost: \$75 initial/\$50 renewal, plus other fees

Length: 2 years initial/3 years renewal

Terms of Issuance: Statute reads “shall issue,” but requires a “good and substantial” reason • **Reciprocity:** No

Out of State Permits: Appears to be provided for

Note: Certain training requirements for new permits and renewals took effect October 1, 2013.

MASSACHUSETTS

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/firearms-reg-and-laws/>

Statute: ALM GL ch. 140, § 131

Issuing Authority: Local Licensing Authority or Colonel of State Police

Cost: \$100 • **Length:** 5-6 years, expires on applicant’s birthday

Terms of Issuance: May issue • **Reciprocity:** No

Out of State Permits: Yes

Note: There are currently two different versions of Massachusetts’ CCW Statute: one in effect until January 1, 2021 (which is the one covered above) and a second that goes into effect January 1, 2021. Temporary permits for nonresidents appear to only be available for firearms competition.

MICHIGAN

http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-1591_3503_4654-10953--,00.html

Statute: MCLS § 28.422

Issuing Authority: County Concealed Weapon Licensing Board until November 30, 2015; County Clerk of Court on

December 1, 2015 and thereafter.

Cost: \$105 initial (\$100 after December 1, 2015) and \$115 renewal

Length: 4-5 years, expires on applicant’s birthday

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: Reciprocity does not appear to be extended to non-resident permits. Effective December 1, 2015, the old County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board system is abolished; other changes in the statute (such as renewal information) took effect in May, June and July 2015 and appear contradictory in some details.

MINNESOTA

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Pages/Permit-to-Carry-FAQ.aspx>

Statute: Minn. Stat. § 62A.714

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$100 or less initial/\$75 or less renewal

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

MISSISSIPPI

<http://www.dps.state.ms.us/firearms/firearms-permit-unit/>

Statute: Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-101

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety

Cost: \$80 initial/\$40 renewal (resident over 65, renewal fee is \$20), with possible other fees

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes (Statute allows residency requirement to be waived. DPS website, however, says it does not issue non-resident permits)

Note: Disabled veterans and active-duty military are exempt from the application and renewal fees. Other changes (including the fees listed above) became effective July 1, 2015, including a provision that allows handguns to be carried in a purse, briefcase or similar container without a permit. The “enhanced” permit has a training requirement and allows carry into otherwise prohibited areas.

MISSOURI

https://www.mosheriffs.com/?page_id=2334

[http://ago.mo.gov/divisions/public-safety/concealed-carry-reciprocity \(reciprocity information only\)](http://ago.mo.gov/divisions/public-safety/concealed-carry-reciprocity(reciprocity%20information%20only))

Statute: § 571.101 R.S.Mo.

Issuing Authority: County or City Sheriff or designee

Cost: \$100 or less initial/\$50 or less renewal

Length: 3 years if issued prior to August 28, 2013, 5 years if later

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No



Note: A series of minor yet pervasive changes became effective on August 28, 2014

MONTANA

<http://doj.mt.gov/enforcement/concealed-weapons/>

Statute: Mont. Code Anno., § 45-8-321

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$50 initial/\$25 renewal, with possible additional \$5 fingerprint fee

Length: 4 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: A minor wording change took effect on April 1, 2015. As of March 27, 2015, renewals do not require re-fingerprinting.

NEBRASKA

<https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/ConcealedCarry.aspx>

Statute: R.R.S. Neb. § 69-2433

Issuing Authority: State Patrol • **Cost:** \$100 initial/\$50 renewal

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

NEVADA

<http://www.lvmpd.com/Permits/ConcealedFirearms/tabid/124/Default.aspx>

[http://gsd.nv.gov/Resources/Carry_Concealed_Weapon_\(CCW\)_Permit/](http://gsd.nv.gov/Resources/Carry_Concealed_Weapon_(CCW)_Permit/)

Statute: Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 202.3657

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$60 initial/\$25 renewal, plus additional fees

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

NEW HAMPSHIRE

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/ssb/permitslicensing/plupr.html>

Statute: RSA 159:6

Issuing Authority: Local policing agency for residents, director of State Police or designee for non-residents

Cost: \$10 resident/\$100 non-resident

Length: Not less than 4 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Reciprocity is not extended to permits issued by a state in which the permit holder does not reside.

NEW JERSEY

http://www.state.nj.us/njsp/about/fire_ag2.html

Statute: N.J. Stat. § 2C:58-4, N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.1

Issuing Authority: Apply to Chief Police Officer/Superintendent of State Police, but issued by Superior Court

Cost: \$20 plus additional fees • **Length:** 2 years

Terms of Issuance: May issue

Reciprocity: No • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: The statute says that Superior Court “shall” issue a permit, “but only if...satisfied that the applicant...has a justifiable need to carry.”

NEW MEXICO

<http://www.dps.state.nm.us/index.php/nm-concealed-carry/>

Statute: N.M. Stat. Ann. § 29-19-4

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety

Cost: Not more than \$100, plus fingerprint fee initial/\$75 renewal

Length: 4 years, with refresher course required at 2 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

NEW YORK

<http://www.troopers.ny.gov/Firearms/>

Statute: NY CLS Penal § 400.00

Issuing Authority: County or City Licensing Officer with procedural oversight by Superintendent of State Police

Cost: Varies by geographic location

Length: Varies by geographic location, but all permits must be recertified to the division of State Police every 5 years

Terms of Issuance: May issue

Reciprocity: Statute does not appear to provide for it

Out of State Permits: Unclear, but appears so

Note: Some changes to the concealed-carry law were made in 2013, including provisions keeping certain records from public disclosure, and a statewide license and record database was created effective January 15, 2014. In January 2013, as a reac-

tion to the murders at Sandy Hook elementary school, New York quickly passed an extensive gun control law that includes a ban on magazines holding more than seven rounds, a poorly-thought-out measure that effectively criminalized even law enforcement officers who possessed such magazines. Since that time, portions of the statute have been suspended. The state of the law, however, is very fluid, and if you plan on passing through any part of New York, it would be wise to contact an attorney for legal advice.

NORTH CAROLINA

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/about-doj/law-enforcement-training-and-standards/law-enforcement-liason/concealed-weapon-reciprocity.aspx> (reciprocity information only)

Statute: N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.12

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$80 plus up to \$10 for fingerprints initial/\$75 renewal

Length: 5 years **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

NORTH DAKOTA

<http://www.ag.nd.gov/BCI/CW/CW.htm>

Statute: N.D. Cent. Code, § 62.1-04-03

Issuing Authority: Bureau of Criminal Investigation/Attorney General

Cost: \$60 plus fingerprints and \$50 testing fee initial/\$60 renewal plus additional testing fees for Class 1 license.

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Several changes went into effect in 2013, including, per the attorney general's office, that all North Dakota licenses issued to residents of non-reciprocal states are now invalid. Other minor changes were approved April 15, 2015. Class 1 permits have greater reciprocity recognition than Class 2 permits.

OHIO

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/ConcealedCarry.aspx/?from=nav>

Statute: ORC Ann. 2923.125 • **Issuing Authority:** County Sheriff

Cost: \$67 initial plus other possible fees/\$50 renewal plus other possible fees • **Length:** 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes, but appears to be limited to those employed in Ohio

Note: Certain changes to the law became effective March 23, 2015

OKLAHOMA

http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Concealed_Weapons_Licensing/

Statute: 21 Okl. St. § 1290.12

Issuing Authority: State Bureau of Investigation

Cost: \$100 initial for 5 years/\$85 renewal plus no more than \$25 for fingerprints; \$200 initial for 10 years/\$170 renewal

Length: 5 years or 10 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: Temporary permits are available for those who have been given a domestic abuse protective order. The law was updated in 2014 to allow payment of application fees via electronic funds transfer. Other changes were approved in April and May 2015 and will become effective in November 2015.

OREGON

http://licenseinfo.oregon.gov/?fuseaction=link_class&class_list=14705&class_name=Concealed%20handguns

Statute: ORS § 166.291 • **Issuing Authority:** County Sheriff

Cost: \$65 for initial/\$50 renewal

Length: 4 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: No • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Some minor elements of the law change January 2, 2016. In March 2014, some changes were approved that affect eligibility for those with prior marijuana arrests.

PENNSYLVANIA

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=4451&&PageID=462424&level=2&css=L2&mode=2>

Statute: 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff/Chief of Police

Cost: \$20 (an additional \$5 fee was set to expire by statute)

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes (must have permit in state of residence, if available)

RHODE ISLAND

<http://www.riag.ri.gov/Forms/BCIPermit%20Application.pdf>

(Attorney General permit)

Statute: R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-47-11, 18

Issuing Authority: Attorney General or local authorities, including Board of Police Commissioners/Chief or Superintendent of Police, Town Clerk, etc.

Cost: \$40 • **Length:** 4 years • **Terms of Issuance:** May issue

Reciprocity: No (limited reciprocity extended to those passing through the state without delay, and appears to only apply in their vehicle) • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: While the attorney general may issue a permit based on a “proper showing of need,” under 11-47-18, 11-47-11 provides that local licensing authorities shall issue a permit to a “suitable person” with a “good” or “proper reason” for seeking a license.

SOUTH CAROLINA

<http://www.sled.sc.gov/cwp.aspx?MenuID=CWP>

Statute: S.C. Code Ann. § 23-31-215

Issuing Authority: S.C. Law Enforcement Division

Cost: \$50 initial/renewal, plus up to \$5 for fingerprints

Length: 5 years upon renewal

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes

Out of State Permits: Only if applicant owns real property (land) in South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA

<http://sdsos.gov/services-for-individuals/concealed-pistol-permits/default.aspx>

Statute: S.D. Codified Laws § 23-7-7

Issuing Authority: Secretary of State through County Sheriff

Cost: \$10 • **Length:** 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No

Note: Certain minor changes in the application process were approved March 13, 2015.

TENNESSEE

<http://www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.shtml>

Statute: Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351

Issuing Authority: Tennessee Department of Safety/Highway Patrol

Cost: \$115 initial plus \$5 or less for fingerprints/

\$50 renewal, \$500 for lifetime

Length: 4 years or lifetime (with continuing eligibility check every 5 years) • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Out-of-state permits appear to only be provided to those who are regularly employed in the state and whose home state does not have reciprocity with Tennessee. Pursuant to a change in the law approved in May 2014, the length of the permit will change to five years, and other changes in the length of the permit are authorized so that permit and driver's license renewal will coincide on the license holder's birthday in the same year. These changes in permit length will affect application and renewal fees. It has until January 1, 2016 to be fully implemented. Certain additional changes, including the lifetime permit, took effect on July 1, 2015.

TEXAS

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/chl/chlsindex.htm

Statute: Tex. Gov't Code § 411.172

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety

Cost: \$140 initial/\$70 renewal, with some possible reductions, including a 50-percent reduction for those over 60 years of age or indigent

Length: First birthday after fourth anniversary of initial issuance, 5 years for renewal • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Effective January 1, 2014, applicants are not required to submit Social Security number.

UTAH

<http://bci.utah.gov/concealed-firearm/>

Statute: Utah Code Ann. § 53-5-704

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Identification

Cost: \$39 initial (\$49 for out of state)/\$15 renewal (all)

Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes (must have permit in state of residence if that state has reciprocity with Utah)

VERMONT

<http://ago.vermont.gov/divisions/criminal-division/gun-laws.php>
Statute: 13 V.S.A. § 4003
Issuing Authority: No permit required or available
Cost: N/A • **Length:** N/A • **Terms of Issuance:** N/A
Reciprocity: N/A • **Out of State Permits:** N/A
Note: No permit is required for concealed carry.

VIRGINIA

<http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms.shtm>
Statute: Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-308.02
Issuing Authority: Circuit Court
Cost: \$50 or less, \$100 or less for nonresident
Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes (apply to State Police)
Note: Certain minor elements of the law that do not affect the above information went into effect in 2015.

WASHINGTON

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/concealed-weapons>
Statute: Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 9.41.070
Issuing Authority: Chief of Police/Sheriff
Cost: \$36 initial with possible additional fees/\$32 renewal
Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** Yes

WEST VIRGINIA

<http://www.ago.wv.gov/gunreciprocity/Pages/default.aspx> (reciprocity only)
Statute: W. Va. Code § 61-7-4
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$75 plus additional \$25 fee
Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No
Note: Some minor changes were approved on April 1, 2015.

WISCONSIN

<http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/conceal-carry/concealed-carry>
Statute: Wis. Stat. § 175.60
Issuing Authority: Department of Justice
Cost: Less than \$37 plus cost of background check initial (currently \$40 total)/less than \$12 plus cost of background check (appears to be \$10 for background check, though of-ficials sources appear to be in conflict) renewal.
Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out of State Permits:** No
Note: Certain minor changes to the statute became effective in March and April of 2014.

WYOMING

<http://wyomingdci.wyo.gov/dci-criminal-justice-informa-tion-systems-section/concealed-firearms-permits>
Statute: Wyo. Stat. § 6-8-104
Issuing Authority: Attorney General through County Sheriff
Cost: \$74 for initial plus possible other fees/\$50 renewal
Length: 5 years • **Terms of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes (applicant must be licensed to carry elsewhere; statute does not appear require that the license be from applicant's state of residence)
Note: Though one is available, no permit is required to carry concealed in Wyoming as long as eligibility requirements are met.

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Choosing a handgun for concealed carry is as personal a choice as it is a practical choice. Practically speaking, you may be able to shoot the black out of a target with a full-sized 1911, but you may have a hard time carrying that pistol concealed. Practical means finding the right caliber, a weapon platform you are comfortable with and a gun that you will diligently carry. Plus, it must be within your budget.

The most popular calibers are typically .380 ACP, 9mm, .40 S&W and .45 ACP. You should be able to find inexpensive training ammo and self-defense loads in any of these calibers. There is a great diver-

sity among weapon platforms ranging from double-barrel derringers and revolvers to semi-automatic pistols. The snub-nose revolver also ranges from traditional styles like those from Smith & Wesson, Charter Arms and Taurus to models made with modern materials that offer less weight like those from Ruger and more. Semi-automatic pistols run the spectrum from small, true pocket pistols from Kel-Tec, Ruger, Beretta and Kahr to slightly larger compact designs.

Before purchasing a concealed-carry weapon, handle as many models as possible. Here's a list of popular concealed-carry handguns to help you get a jumpstart on your personal defense.

ACCU-TEK

AT-380 II/LT-380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 15-23.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel/black Cerakote
MSRP: \$289-\$324

HC-380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 26 ounces
Capacity: 13+1
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$330

AMERICAN DERRINGER

American Derringer DA

Caliber: .38 Special, 9mm, .357, .40
Empty Weight: 14.5 ounces
Capacity: 2 • **Finish:** Satin
MSRP: \$690-\$740

American Derringer LM4 (Semmerling)

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 24 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Satin • **MSRP:** \$4,250

American Derringer LM5

Caliber: .25 Auto, .32 H&R Magnum
Empty Weight: 15 ounces
Capacity: 7 • **Finish:** Satin • **MSRP:** \$710

American Derringer M-4 Alaskan Survival

Caliber: .45 Colt/.410
Empty Weight: 16.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 2
Finish: Satin, stainless • **MSRP:** \$760

American Derringer Model 1 Engraved Series

Caliber: .38 Special, .357, .45 Colt/.410
Empty Weight: 14 ounces • **Capacity:** 2
Finish: Polished/engraved • **MSRP:** \$2,300

ARMSCOR (ROCK ISLAND ARMORY)

Armcor GI Standard CS

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 34.6 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Parkerized • **MSRP:** \$546

Armcor ROCK Standard CS

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP

Empty Weight: 35.7/34.6 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Parkerized • **MSRP:** \$618

Armcor ROCK Ultra CS

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 35.7/34.6 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Parkerized • **MSRP:** \$744

Armcor TAC Ultra CS

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 36.8/36 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Parkerized • **MSRP:** \$799

BERETTA

Beretta Nano

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 19.8 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black, FDE, Nano Pink
MSRP: \$450

Beretta Pico

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide/matte black frame
MSRP: \$398-\$405

Beretta Px4 Storm Subcompact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 26.1 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm), 10+1 (.40 S&W)
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$575-\$582

Beretta 3032 Tomcat

Caliber: .32 ACP
Empty Weight: 14.5 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 • **Finish:** Matte black/Inox
MSRP: \$390-\$480

BERSA

Bersa BPCC

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 21.5 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (.380, 9mm), 7+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte blue, duo-tone, olive drab
MSRP: \$420-\$440

Bersa Thunder 380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Blued, nickel, duo-tone
MSRP: \$320-\$341

Bersa Thunder 380 Combat

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 20 ounces • **Capacity:** 8 +1
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$346

Bersa Thunder 380 Plus

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 20.5 ounces
Capacity: 15+1
Finish: Matte black, satin nickel
MSRP: \$395-\$412

Bersa Thunder Concealed Carry

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 16.4 ounces
Capacity: 8+1
Finish: Matte black, satin nickel, duo-tone
MSRP: \$535-\$545

Bersa Thunder Ultra Compact Pro

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W, 45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23 ounces (9mm, .40)
27 ounces (.45)
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm), 10+1 (.40), 7+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte blue, duo-tone
MSRP: \$490-\$501

BOBERG

NEW! Boberg XR45-S

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Onyx, platinum, two-tone
MSRP: \$1,199-\$1,399

Boberg XR9-L

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 18.5 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Onyx, platinum, two-tone
MSRP: \$1,149-\$1,399

Boberg XR9-S

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 17.4 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Onyx, platinum, two-tone
MSRP: \$1,199-\$1,349

BOND ARMS

Bond BackUp

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 19 ounces • **Capacity:** 2
Finish: Matte black frame, matte grey barrels
MSRP: \$435

Bond Mini

Caliber: .45 Colt, .357/.38
Empty Weight: 19 ounces • **Capacity:** 2
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$418

Bond Snake Slayer

Caliber: .45 LC/.410
Empty Weight: 22 ounces • **Capacity:** 2
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$519

CHARTER ARMS

Charter .357 Mag Pug

Caliber: .357 Mag/.38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 23 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Blued/stainless • **MSRP:** \$388

Charter Bulldog

Caliber: .44 Special
Empty Weight: 21 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Blued/stainless • **MSRP:** \$409



Charter Arms Pit Bull
.45 ACP

Charter Undercover On Duty/Off Duty

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 12 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Matte stainless
MSRP: \$402-\$404

NEW! Charter Pit Bull .45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$489

Charter Pit Bull

Caliber: 9mm/.40 S&W
Empty Weight: 22/20 ounces • **Capacity:** 6/5
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$489-\$502

NEW! Charter Undercover Lite DAO (Tiffany)

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 12 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Anodized Tiffany Blue
MSRP: \$438

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Charter Undercoverette

Caliber: .32 H&R Magnum
Empty Weight: 16 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$375

CHIAPPA

NEW! Chiappa MC 14

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 24 ounces • **Capacity:** 13+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$499

Chiappa Model MC27

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 25.6 ounces
Capacity: 15+1
Finish: Steel slide, alloy frame, black
MSRP: \$499

Chiappa Rhino 2-Inch

Caliber: .357 Mag/.40 S&W
Empty Weight: 24 ounces • **Capacity:** 6
Finish: Black, nickel • **MSRP:** \$990-\$1,025

COBRA

Cobra Big Bore Derringer

Caliber: .38 Special, .380 ACP, 9mm
Empty Weight: 14 ounces • **Capacity:** 2
Finish: Various • **MSRP:** \$187

Cobra CA32/CA380

Caliber: .32 ACP, .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 22 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 (.32 ACP) 5+1 (.380 ACP)
Finish: Various • **MSRP:** \$129

NEW! Cobra Denali

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 17 ounces • **Capacity:** 5+1
Finish: Matte black, tan, satin, OD green
MSRP: \$139

Cobra Freedom

Caliber: .32 ACP, .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 24 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (.32) 7+1 (.380)
Finish: Matte black, chrome, satin nickel
MSRP: \$138

Cobra Patriot .45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 19 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$395

Cobra Patriot 9mm, .380 ACP

Caliber: 9mm, .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 18 ounces • **Capacity:** 10+1
Finish: Matte black, stainless slide
MSRP: \$349

Cobra Shadow Revolver

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 15 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Various • **MSRP:** \$369

COLT

Colt Defender

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 24-25 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm) 7+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$899

Colt Mustang Pocketlite

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 12.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel and aluminum alloy
MSRP: \$599

Colt Mustang Lite

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black, stainless slide
MSRP: \$499

CZ-USA/ DAN WESSON

CZ 2075 RAMI/RAMI B

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 25.4 ounces
Capacity: 14+1 (9mm), 9+1 (.40)
Finish: Black polycoat
MSRP: \$614-\$633

CZ 2075 RAMI BD

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25.4 ounces
Capacity: 14+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$680

Dan Wesson ECO

Caliber: 9mm/.45 ACP • **Finish:** Matte black
Weight: 25 ounces • **MSRP:** \$1,623-\$1,662
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm); 7+1 (.45)

DIAMONDBACK FIREARMS

DB380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 8.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black, two-tone, FDE
MSRP: \$394-\$499

DB380 Crimson Trace Laser

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 8.8 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$654

NEW! DB380SL

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 8.8 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Two-tone • **MSRP:** \$425

DB9/DB9 Stainless

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 11 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black, stainless, FDE
MSRP: \$431-\$524

EUROPEAN AMERICAN ARMORY (EAA)

EAA Witness Pavona

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 30.4 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (.380, 9mm), 9+1 (.40)
Finish: Various colors • **MSRP:** \$403-\$434

EAA Witness Polymer Carry

Caliber: 9mm, 10mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 29 ounces

Capacity: 14+1 (9mm), 12+1 (10mm, .40), 8+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$571

EAA Witness Steel Compact

Caliber: 9mm, 10mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces
Capacity: 14+1 (9mm), 12+1 (10mm, .40), 8+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$646

EAA SAR K2P

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 28.8 ounces
Capacity: 16+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$459

EAA Windicator 2-Inch

Caliber: .38 Special, 357 Mag.
Empty Weight: 28.8 ounces (.38 Spl.), 30.4 ounces (.357 Mag.)
Capacity: 6 • **Finish:** Blued, stainless
MSRP: \$325-\$405

FMK

FMK 9C1/40C1

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 23.5 ounces
Capacity: 14+1 (9mm); 10+1 (.40)
Finish: Black, OD, FDE, grey, pink
MSRP: \$400-\$410

FNH USA

FNS Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 23.4 ounces (9mm), 25.8 ounces (.40)
Capacity: 12+1 (9mm), 10+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black
MSRP: \$599

GLOCK

Glock 26 Gen4/27 Gen4

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 21.71 (9mm), 21.89 (.40) ounces
Capacity: 10+1 (9), 9+1 (.40)
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$649

Glock 29/29 SF/29 Gen4

Caliber: 10mm
Empty Weight: 27.18/26.83 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$637

Glock 30/30 SF/30 Gen4

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 26.48/26.30 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$637 (\$687 for G30 Gen4)

Glock 30S

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.95 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$637

Glock 33/33 Gen4

Caliber: .357
Empty Weight: 21.89 ounces
Capacity: 9+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$599-\$649

Glock 36

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.42 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$637

Glock 39

Caliber: .45 G.A.P.
Empty Weight: 24.18 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$614

Glock 42

Caliber: .380
Empty Weight: 13.76 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$480



NEW! Glock 43

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17.95 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$580

HECKLER & KOCH

HK45C

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 28.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$1,199

HK P30SK

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 24 ounces
Capacity: 10+1 • **Finish:** Blued
MSRP: \$719

HK P2000SK

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 24 ounces
Capacity: 10+1 (9mm), 9+1 (.40)
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$799

HK USP Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 27.2 (9mm), 27.5 (.40), 28.2 (.45) ounces
Capacity: 13+1(9mm), 12+1(.40), 8+1 (.45)
Finish: Blued
MSRP: \$999-\$1,049



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HI-POINT

C-9

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 29 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$189

CF-380

Caliber: .380 ACP • **Empty Weight:** 29 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$151

HIGH STANDARD/AMT

AMT .38 Super/ .40 S&W/9mm Backup

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 23-25 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 (.38 Super, 9mm), 5+1 (.40)
Finish: Satin stainless • **MSRP:** N/A

AMT .45 ACP Backup

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23 ounces • **Capacity:** 5+1
Finish: Satin stainless • **MSRP:** N/A

KAHR ARMS

Kahr CM9/CM40

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 14 (9mm), 15.8 (.40) ounces
Capacity: 6+1 (9mm), 5+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$460

Kahr CM45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 17.3 ounces • **Capacity:** 5+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$460



Kahr CT380

NEW! Kahr CT380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.4 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$419

Kahr CW380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 10.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$419

Kahr MK9 Elite/MK40 Elite

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 22.1 (9mm), 23.1 (.40) ounces
Capacity: 6+1 (9mm), 5+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$961-\$987

Kahr P380/P380 Black

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 9.9 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Duo-tone or matte black
MSRP: \$667-\$710

Kahr P380 LCI

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 9.9 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$733

Kahr PM9/PM40

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 14 (9mm), 15.8 (.40) ounces
Capacity: 6+1 (9mm), 5+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$810

Kahr PM45/PM45 Black

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 17.3 ounces
Capacity: 5+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$880-\$931

KEL-TEC

Kel-Tec P-11

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 14 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Blued, Parkerized, hard chromed
MSRP: \$347

Kel-Tec P-3AT

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 8.3 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Blued, Parkerized, hard chromed
MSRP: \$338

Kel-Tec P-32

Caliber: .32 ACP
Empty Weight: 6.6 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Blued, Parkerized, hard chromed
MSRP: \$325

Kel-Tec PF-9

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 12.7 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Blued, Parkerized, hard chromed
MSRP: \$356

KIMBER

NEW! Kimber Eclipse Ultra II (LG)

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 31 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Brush polish
MSRP: \$1,580

NEW! Kimber Diamond Ultra II

Caliber: .45 ACP or 9mm
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Stainless steel, satin silver
MSRP: \$1,652

NEW! Micro Diamond

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 13.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel, satin silver
MSRP: \$1,014

NEW! Micro Bel Air

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 13.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Stainless, Bel Air Blue KimPro II
MSRP: \$810

Kimber Master Carry Ultra

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Satin silver frame, matte black slide
MSRP: \$1,568



Kimber Micro Bel Air
.380 ACP

Kimber Micro CDP

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 13.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black frame, matte stainless slide
MSRP: \$951

NEW! Kimber Onyx Ultra II

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 9+1 (.45)
Finish: Two-tone, matte silver/black
MSRP: \$1,652

Kimber Ultra Raptor II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$1,295

Kimber Super Carry Ultra+

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 27 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: Matte black frame, matte stainless slide
MSRP: \$1,596

Kimber Ultra Aegis II

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: Matte black frame, matte stainless slide
MSRP: \$1,331

NEW! Kimber Solo Carry CDP (LG)

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black frame, matte stainless slide
MSRP: \$1,223

Kimber Solo Carry Stainless

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$815

Kimber Tactical Ultra II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$1,317

Kimber Ultra TLE II (LG)

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$1,393

Kimber Ultra CDP II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte black frame satin silver slide
MSRP: \$1,331

Kimber Ultra Covert II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Matte black slide, dark earth frame
MSRP: \$1,657

MAGNUM RESEARCH

NEW! MRI Baby Desert Eagle III Semi-Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 35-37.7 ounces
Capacity: 15+1 (9mm), 13+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black
MSRP: \$691

MRI Desert Eagle 1911 Undercover

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25.8 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$1,019



Baby Desert Eagle III
.40 S&W

NORTH AMERICAN ARMS

NAA Black Widow

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag.
Empty Weight: 8.8 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel
MSRP: \$274-\$334

NAA Guardian .25

Caliber: .25 NAA
Empty Weight: 13.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$402

NAA Guardian .32

Caliber: .32 ACP, .32 NAA
Empty Weight: 13.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$402-\$430

NAA Guardian .380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 18.72 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$449-\$479

NAA 22LR-HG (Holster Grip)

Caliber: .22 LR
Empty Weight: 4.6 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$239

NAA Pug

Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 6.4 ounces
Capacity: 5
Finish: Stainless steel
MSRP: \$314-\$334

NAA Sidewinder

Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 6.7 ounces
Capacity: 5
Finish: Stainless steel
MSRP: \$349-\$396

PHOENIX ARMS

HP22A, HP25A

Caliber: .22 LR, .25 ACP
Empty Weight: 20 ounces
Capacity: 10+1 (.22), 9+1 (.25)
Finish: Polished blue or satin nickel
MSRP: \$145



Remington RM380

REMINGTON

Remington R1 Carry Commander

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 38.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Satin black oxide • **MSRP:** \$1,299

NEW! Remington RM380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 12.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Satin black oxide • **MSRP:** \$417

ROSSI

Rossi .38/.357 Magnum 2-in.

Caliber: .38 Special +P/.357 Magnum
Empty Weight: 24-26 ounces
Capacity: 5 (.38 Spl.), 6 (.357 Mag.)
Finish: Stainless steel/blued
MSRP: \$390-\$454

RUGER

Ruger LC380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 17.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$449-\$629

NEW! Ruger LC9s

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$449

Ruger LCP

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 9.7 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte blue/brushed stainless
MSRP: \$389-\$575

Ruger LCR

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 13.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$545-\$825

NEW! Ruger LCR 9mm

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$619

Ruger LCR-22 Magnum

Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 14.9 ounces • **Capacity:** 6
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$545

Ruger LCR-357

Caliber: .38 Special, .357 Mag
Empty Weight: 17.1 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$619-\$899

Ruger SR9c

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 23.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 17+1
Finish: Black nitride or stainless • **MSRP:** \$529

SCCY

CPX-1/CPX-2

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 15 ounces
Capacity: 10+1 • **Finish:** Nitride or two-tone
MSRP: \$314-\$334

SEECAMP

LWS .380 ACP / .32 ACP

Caliber: .380 ACP / .32 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 • **Finish:** Stainless steel
MSRP: \$500-\$810

SIG SAUER

Sig 1911 Traditional Ultra

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25.3 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: Stainless slide, black anodized frame
MSRP: \$1,176

Sig 1911 Ultra Nitron

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 28 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Black hard anodized • **MSRP:** \$1,178

P220 Compact

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 29.6 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Blued or two-tone • **MSRP:** \$1,142

Sig P224 Subcompact SAS/Extreme/Equinox

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 25.4 ounces
Capacity: 11+1 (9mm) 10+1 (.357, .40)
Finish: Black, nickel or two-tone
MSRP: \$1,108-\$1,243

Sig P238

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 15.2-20.1 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 or 7+1 • **Finish:** Various
MSRP: \$742-\$833

Sig P239

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 29.5 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.357, .40)
Finish: Blued, stainless or two-tone
MSRP: \$892-\$1,029

Sig P250 Subcompact Nitron

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 24.9 ounces
Capacity: 12+1 (9mm), 10+1 (.357, .40) 6+1 (.45)
Finish: Nitron • **MSRP:** \$490-\$548

Sig P290RS

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm
Empty Weight: 20.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Various • **MSRP:** \$456-\$570

NEW! Sig P320 Subcompact

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 24.9 ounces
Capacity: 12+1 (9mm), 10+1 (.357, .40)
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$628-\$713

Sig P938

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 16 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Various • **MSRP:** \$799-\$1,028

SMITH & WESSON

S&W Bodyguard 380 (integral laser)

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.85 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$419

S&W M&P Bodyguard 380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 12 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$379

NEW! S&W M&P Bodyguard 380 Crimson Trace

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 12.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$449

NEW! S&W M&P Bodyguard 38 Crimson Trace

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 14.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$539

S&W M&P Shield

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 19 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.40)
Finish: Stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$449-\$589

S&W M&P9c

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 21.7 ounces
Capacity: 12+1
Finish: Matte black, carbon fiber, FDE
MSRP: \$569-\$599

S&W M&P 40c/40c CT

Caliber: .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 21.7 ounces • **Capacity:** 10+1
Finish: Stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$569-\$829

S&W Model 36 (Chief's Special)

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 19.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$749

S&W Model 327 Performance Center 2-Inch

Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 21.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 8
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$1,309

S&W Model 340PD

Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 11.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$1,019

S&W M&P 340/340 CT

Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 13.3 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$869-\$1,129

S&W Model 351PD

Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 10.8 ounces • **Capacity:** 7
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$759

S&W Model 442/442 Moon Clip

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 15 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte Black • **MSRP:** \$469-\$499

S&W Model 627

Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 37.6 ounces • **Capacity:** 8
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$1,079

S&W Model 637 Airweight/637 CT

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 15-15.3 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Matte silver
MSRP: \$469-\$699

S&W Model 638 Airweight

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 15.1 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte silver • **MSRP:** \$469

S&W Model 640

Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 23 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$839

S&W Model 649

Caliber: .357 Magnum, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 23 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$729

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

NEW! Springfield 1911 Range Officer Champion

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30-31.5 ounces
Capacity: 9+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$799



Springfield Range Officer Champion 9mm

Springfield 1911 Range Officer Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 28.5-29.5 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte black
MSRP: \$977-\$989

Springfield EMP

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 27-33 ounces
Capacity: 9+1 (9mm) 8+1 (.40)
Finish: Stainless steel slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$1,345

Springfield XD Compact Service

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 29 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Black • **MSRP:** \$599

Springfield XD Sub-Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 26 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm) 9+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$549-\$616

Springfield XD™

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 29 ounces
Capacity: 19+1 (9mm), 16+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$697-\$815

Springfield XD™ Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 28 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm), 11+1 (.40), 9+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$705-\$797

NEW! Springfield XD Mod.2

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 26 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm), 9+1 (.40, .45)
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$549-\$616

Springfield XD-S 3.3"

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 21.5-23 ounces



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Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 5+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$599-\$669

STEYR ARMS

Steyr C-A1/C40-A1
Caliber: 9mm, 40 S&W
Empty Weight: 25.6 ounces • **Capacity:** 17+1, 10+1 • **Finish:** MannoX • **MSRP:** \$560

Steyr S9-A1/S40-A1
Caliber: 9mm, 40 S&W
Empty Weight: 22.7-23.9 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: MannoX • **MSRP:** \$560

STI INTERNATIONAL

STI Duty One 3.0
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 34 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45)
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$1,499

STI Duty One 3.0
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 27 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45)
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$1,499

STI Duty One Lt. 3.0
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 27 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45)
Finish: Blued slide, black anodized frame
MSRP: \$1,599

STI Elektra
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23.8 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45)
Finish: Black Cerakote frame/polished slide
MSRP: \$1,399

STI Escort
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23.8 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45)
Finish: Two-tone • **MSRP:** \$1,299

STI Guardian
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 32 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45)
Finish: Blued frame/stainless slide
MSRP: \$1,299

STI Lawman 3.0
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23.8 ounces
Capacity: 9+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.45)
Finish: Black Cerakote • **MSRP:** \$1,399

STI Tactical SS 3.0
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 34.4 ounces
Capacity: 9+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.45)
Finish: Black Cerakote • **MSRP:** \$1,899

TAURUS

NEW! Taurus 85 Convertible Hammer
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 17-20 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Matte stainless or blued
MSRP: \$371-386

Taurus 85 PLY
Caliber: .38 Special +P

Empty Weight: 18.2 ounces
Capacity: 5
Finish: Stainless or blued
MSRP: \$356-\$371

Taurus 380 Revolver
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 15.5 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Stainless or blued
MSRP: \$433-\$465

Taurus 605 PLY
Caliber: .357 Mag./ .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 20.2 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Stainless or blued
MSRP: \$356-\$371

Taurus 738 TCP
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 10.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Stainless or blued slide, black or pink frame
MSRP: \$355

NEW! Taurus Curve
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 13 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$392

Taurus Judge Public Defender Polymer
Caliber: .45 Colt / .410
Empty Weight: 27 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Stainless or matte black
MSRP: \$514-\$653

Taurus Millennium G2
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 22 ounces • **Capacity:** 12+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$301-\$316

Taurus Model 25 PLY
Caliber: .25 ACP • **Empty Weight:** 11.39 ounces
Capacity: 9+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$276

Taurus Model 650 CIA (Hammerless)
Caliber: .357 Mag./ .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 24.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$512

Taurus Model 850 CIA (Hammerless)
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 23.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$431

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Taurus Slim 709/740
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 19 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.40)
Finish: Stainless or blued • **MSRP:** \$403-\$503

WALTHER

NEW! Walther CCP
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 22.33 ounces
Capacity: 8 • **Finish:** Two-tone or Cerakote
MSRP: \$469-\$489

Walther PK380
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 18 ounces
Capacity: 8 • **Finish:** Black or two-tone
MSRP: \$399-\$449

Walther PPK, PPK/S
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.1-23.6 ounces
Capacity: 7 (PPK/S), 6 (PPK)
Finish: Stainless or blue • **MSRP:** \$399-\$429

Walther PPQ M2
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 24.5 ounces
Capacity: 15 (9mm), 11 (.40)
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$649

Walther PPS
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 21.5 ounces
Capacity: 7/8 (9mm), 6/7 (.40)
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$599

Walther PPX
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 27.5 ounces
Capacity: 16 (9mm), 14 (.40)
Finish: Matte blue or two-tone
MSRP: \$449-\$499

WILSON COMBAT

Wilson Combat Bill Wilson Carry
Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 35 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Various • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat Sentinel
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 31.7 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat Ultralight Carry Compact
Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, 45 ACP
Empty Weight: 26.5 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm, .38 Super), 7+1 (.45)
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat Ultralight Carry Sentinel and Ms. Sentinel
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25.2-26.8 ounces
Capacity: 8+1
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat Super Sentinel
Caliber: .38 Super
Empty Weight: 25.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat X-TAC Compact
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 33.8 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.45)
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

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